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DEATH TOLL IS 112 FOR TWO DISASTERS

Coal Mine Explosions in West Virginia and Oklahoma Take Many Lives

21 SAVED FROM DEATH

19 Die in Jamieson Shafts and 93 Are Known to Have Been Killed in Oklahoma Explosion

FAIRMONT, W. Va., Jan. 15.—(By Associated Press.)—All the miners, 49 in number who entered the number 8 mine of the Jamieson Coal and Coke company last night before it was partly wrecked by an explosion were accounted for tonight.

Twenty-one today walked forth from the "valley of the shadow of death," after having been entombed for more than 18 hours, and 19 bodies were removed from the pit at intervals following the blast.

Up until tonight it had been thought that only 38 men were in the mine, but the list of dead and living revealed that two additional men were included in the shift.

Virtually no hope had been held out for the rescue of any of the men. Word that all of the miners had not perished came when a rescue crew that had ventured far back from the elevator shaft discovered the men bratticed in a niche which had protected them from the deadly fumes that rolled through the mine following the blast.

Rescuers at the top of the shaft dropped tools and embraced the saved ones as they stepped from the elevator.

The men were in fairly good physical condition and were rushed to first aid stations at the mine's mouth and later to hospitals.

Rescue work is being pushed with added vigor tonight in the hope that the one man known to be unaccounted for may be alive.

The first bodies were brought from the mine this morning. It was then that the hopes of saving the others alive began to fade. Members of the rescue crews coming outside told of devastation wrought by the blast. A few of the bodies found later in the day were about 200 feet from the point of the explosion, which was centered about two and a half miles from the shaft. These victims had apparently been asphyxiated as they fled toward the elevator.

WILBURTON, Okla., Jan. 15.—(By Associated Press.)—The death list in the explosion Wednesday at the Deegan-McConnell mine No. 21 tonight apparently had been increased to 93. Relief workers said they had located five bodies when only three previously had been thought unrecovered. All five were negroes.

Forty-five convicts from the Oklahoma penitentiary at McAlester, prepared most of the graves for the victims and tonight a long row of 59 ranged side by side in a little country cemetery in a valley near the mine. Eight more were dug at the Wilburton.

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CIRCUIT JUDGE IS ILL

McMAHAN IS TO HOLD COURT HERE DURING WEEK

Judge Percy R. Kelly of department No. 2 of the Marion county circuit court, is confined to his home in Albany with a severe attack of grippe and will be unable to hold court this week, it was announced in the county clerk's office yesterday.

Circuit Judge L. H. McMahan has been assigned to hear cases that will come up in department No. 3 next week. Judge Kelly had been assigned to the Klamath Falls bench for the coming week, and Judge Levett of that county was to hear cases in Salem. Because of Judge Kelly's illness, Chief Justice McBride issued an order yesterday continuing all the cases Judge Levett was to hear.

Two women are to face trial next week. The case of Mrs. Anna Springer, charged with contributing to the delinquency of her fourteen year old daughter, has been set for Monday, January 18, and that of Edith Flint, charged with larceny, for Wednesday, Jan. 20.

Prohibition Has Brought New Era, Wheeler Says

Health of Nation Vastly Improved, Pauper and Slums Are Things of Past, Anti-Saloon Counsel Declares in Reviewing Situation

WASHINGTON, Jan. 15.—(By Associated Press.)—The sixth anniversary of prohibition was hailed by Wayne B. Wheeler, general counsel of the Anti-Saloon league, as showing the consumption of alcohol lowered to a small fraction of its former total; the health of the nation improved and the saloon and the pauper is no more and slums which clustered around it, a thing of the past.

"The newly issued census figures," he said, "show a 55 per cent decrease in drunkenness commitments in 1923 compared with 1916. Later figures show this decrease continued through 1925.

"America's sobriety is far ahead of European nations cited by wells as evidence of the superiority of license. The ratio of drunkenness convictions in England and Wales was 200 per 100,000 population in 1923. The ratio of such convictions in the United States was 33.1 in 1923, according to the census bureau. London arrests three and a half times as many for intoxication per year as New York, and Paris twice as many in spite of the greater severity of our police. A total of 193,000 registered home distilleries in France contribute to the intoxication of that nation. With bread lines, unemployment doles, debt dodging and hands out stretched for American loans the wet nations of Europe may profit by America's example of new freedom from alcohol's rule."

The anniversary also was made the occasion for a petition from seventy women throughout the country asking that "prohibition be put in the hands of its friends." The petition was addressed to President Coolidge and members of the cabinet and congress. Cooperation is bringing about the strictest enforcement of prohibition was pledged by the women, who added:

"We commend every effort you may make to remove prohibition from politics by placing the service under the merit system."

They said that all great reforms had required a generation or two to become fully effective and that prohibition now was in a formative stage.

SHIPBUILDING SLOWER

WORLD PRODUCTION HAS DROPPED TO NEW LOW LEVEL

NEW YORK, Jan. 15.—(By Associated Press.)—World shipbuilding dropped to a new low level for the post war period during the quarter ended December 31, when less than 2,000,000 gross tons of ships were under construction it was shown by figures announced today by Bloys register of shipping. The total also was below the mark just before the war, when 2,498,000 tons were under construction.

The changes during the past quarters, says Lloyds register, have brought the United States from eighth to sixth place in ship construction.

Compared with the figures for the quarter ending September 30 the United States showed an increase of about 50 per cent in shipbuilding activity. There were sharp decreases in Great Britain and Ireland and a smaller decline for all other maritime countries combined. Italy and France made some gains.

ALICE HARDING PASSES

SURVIVES LATE HUSBAND BY FEW MONTHS ONLY

Mrs. Alice A. Harding, widow of the late Jenkins Harding, died yesterday in Portland. She survived her husband, who died in October, only a few months.

The late Jenkins Harding was born in Salem, and the couple had been well known throughout this section. For many years they lived in Woodburn. They then moved to Salem. They left in 1903 for Glendale, where they lived until 1918, when they made their home in Portland. Funeral services have been arranged for Monday.

PIONEERS USE PHONES

BELLINGHAM, Wash., Jan. 15.—(By Associated Press.)—A. R. Campbell of Bellingham and Dr. George Shorkey, of Mount Vernon, who both used Alexander Bell's telephone at the Philadelphia exposition 50 years ago, attended a meeting of pioneer telephone users here today.

FRAUD IS CHARGED

SEATTLE, Jan. 15.—Charged with using the mails to defraud, T. E. Evans, Vashon Island, was held in the county all here tonight. Evans is accused of having demanded \$1,000 in a threatening letter to Mrs. H. C. Planch of Colbert, near Spokane.

FARM LEGISLATION PLANS ARE OPPOSED

National Council of Farmers Voices Opposition to Interference

HAUGEN BILL ENDORSED

Council Declares Farmers Should Be Left to Themselves in Solving Problems of Surplus

WASHINGTON, Jan. 15.—(By Associated Press.)—The fourth national conference of the National Council of Farmers' Cooperative Marketing associations went on record at its concluding session today as opposed to any legislation at this time dealing with surplus farm products.

In adopting the report of its legislative committee which recommended such a course, the conference upheld the views of Robert W. Bingham of Louisville, chairman of the national council and Aaron Sapiro, the council's legal adviser, who had urged that the question be left to the farmers themselves to meet through extended cooperative organization. Former Governor Lowden of Illinois and other members of the group favoring legislative aid in tackling the problem, were absent from the floor when the conference took its action.

The report provided for appointment of a committee of eight to study the surplus problem and report to the council's executive committee. Its findings will be made the basis of a referendum vote among the cooperative associations which will determine the organization's policy.

Mr. Lowden, who had sought approval by the conference of some form of legislation to take care of the surplus phase of farm relief was understood to have remained away from the final session as a form of protest.

The conference unanimously endorsed the Haugen bill, which is backed by the administration and provides for a division of cooperative marketing in the department of agriculture with an appropriation of \$225,000 for its study. This bill was favorably reported today by the house agriculture committee and Chairman Haugen said he expected to get it before the house next week.

All officers of the council were reelected.

CRIME NEWS DISCUSSED AT EDITORIAL MEETING

DIFFERENCES OF OPINION ON PROBLEM ARE NOTED

Majority Agree That Publication of Crime News Required of Newspapers

WASHINGTON, Jan. 15.—(By Associated Press.)—Differences of opinion over the featuring of crime was developed at the opening session today of the annual meeting of the American Society of Newspaper Editors.

Casper S. Yost, editor of the St. Louis Globe-Democrat, and president of the society, contends that the publication of crime news did not promote crime. Publication of such news, he held, is one of the duties of American newspapers and it should be displayed, when its importance warranted, on the front page.

Charles C. Dennis, editor of the Chicago Daily News, argued that nine-tenths of the crime news could be printed in small type and segregated on an inside page. He declared that the great majority of readers were interested in the more wholesome kind of news.

Murder, with mystery, said Edmund W. Booth, editor of the Grand Rapids, Mich., Press, is a "first class story in any newspaper," and will not do unusual harm to the public mind, not excepting youths. Objections, he thought, are timed chiefly at scandal stories, rather than at those dealing with crime.

The Rhineland case was described by E. C. Hopwood, editor of the Cleveland Plaindealer, as one of the outstanding news stories of last year.

J. T. Williams, Jr., editor of the Boston Evening American, defended the featuring of crime news on the ground that crime is a potential threat to a whole community.

English newspapers print far more crime news than those of this country. Grover Patterson, editor of the Toledo, Ohio, Blade told the society, yet these are proportionately fewer murders there.

GIRL KILLED COASTING

SPOKANE, Jan. 15.—Martha Delensk, 17, was killed here tonight while coasting when her sled struck a tree stump. Another girl on the sled was injured slightly.

GONZAGA DEBATERS WIN

SPOKANE, Jan. 15.—(AP)—Gonzaga university debaters won a two to one decision over the University of Idaho team here tonight on the Gooding long and short haul bill. The Gonzaga affirmative team debated in favor of passage of the bill.

DEBT PAYMENT VOTED

WASHINGTON, Jan. 15.—(AP)—By a vote of 357 to 133, the house today adopted a resolution to authorize acceptance of the Italian war debt settlement, as recommended by the American debt commission.

WORK ON TAX BILL RUSHED FOR SENATE

Finance Committee to Return Reduction Measure Wednesday

EARLY ACTION ASSURED

Tax Cut Bill Will Be Given Right of Way; Leaders of Both Parties Ask for Speedy Hearing

WASHINGTON, Jan. 15.—(By Associated Press.)—Working at full speed the senate finance committee brought its work on the house tax reduction bill up to a point today which will permit final action on it tomorrow. Chairman Smoot ordered several approved sections of the bill sent to the printers and announced he would attempt to have the measure presented to the senate by Wednesday and taken upon the floor a day or two later.

Leaders of both parties have given assurance that the measure will be given right of way in the senate and have announced they will press for early action to assure tax reduction by March 15, when first income tax installments are due.

Provisions of the house bill containing the board of tax appeals with a membership of 16 members with increased salaries was approved, but it was decided to limit the appointments to 10 years instead of 14.

Terms of the house bill requiring that appeals be filed with the board were amended to give taxpayers the alternative of filing with the board or a court. A motion to extend jurisdiction of the board to cases under the 1913 act was rejected.

The committee agreed to an amendment assuring exemption of income on profits of cooperative marketing associations when 55 per cent of their business is transacted on behalf of members. It refused, however, to allow exemptions for cooperative apartment house organizations.

Provisions of the house bill allowing refunds of the difference between the present and new taxes to automobile and cigar dealers for stocks on hand 30 days after the law becomes effective were approved.

House provision to create an investigating committee to study administration of the income tax law was amended to include only five members each of the house ways and means committee and of the senate finance committee on the commission.

The house proposed five additional members representing the public.

PIONEER CLUBS RALLY

WILLIAM PENN GROUP IS AWARDED FIRST PRIZE

There were 140 boys to attend the Marion county Pioneer club rally held last night at the First Methodist church of Salem. Prizes were offered clubs on scores of attendance, club stunts and table decorations.

Justices O. R. Coshov, John E. Rand and Harry H. Belt of the Oregon supreme court were the judges. William Penn Pioneers of the Salem Friends church won first prize. Second prize was won by Silverton Pioneers.

Deputy State Forester Cronemiller was the principal speaker of the evening. He told of various phases of foresters' work, and also gave some points for camping.

A feature of the evening was the singing, in which all joined. Ben J. Kimber, secretary of the county YMCA, conducted the singing.

Turner Pioneers gave a few remarks on thrift, in keeping with the coming thrift week. Chairman for the evening was Ed Young, member of the Silverton Pioneer club.

USE RADIO IN SCHOOLS

30 DISTRICTS RECEIVE SPEECH FROM PRINCIPAL

SPOKANE, Jan. 15.—(AP)—Educators here saw new educational possibilities in radio as the result of an experiment today during which 30 grade schools received a program broadcast by the North Central high school station under the direction of Orville C. Pratt, city superintendent of schools. While reception was poor at some grade schools, at others it came in clearly.

NEW VERSION IS GIVEN

TRANSLATIONS OF CARPENTIER "SPEECH" VARIES

NEW YORK, Jan. 15.—(By Associated Press.)—A more accurate version of Georges Carpentier's interview with newspapermen given after his arrival from France came to light today—all because one of the interviewers understood French. This interviewer's translation of the French fighter's remarks and the same remarks as interpreted for newspapermen by Jack Curley, the boxer's American manager, follows:

Curley to Carpentier—"What do you want to give the boys, George?"

Carpentier to Curley—"Tell these fellows anything you want."

Curley to newspapermen—"Georges says he is very happy to be back in this country again and enjoys above all his association with the writers."

Carpentier to Curley—"Get rid of this gang as soon as possible; I've got a date at 7:30."

Curley to newspapermen—"He says he would like to fight Paul Berlenbach for the light heavyweight title, and wishes you boys a happy New Year."

CITY BEAUTIFUL PLAN SUGGESTED FOR SALEM

DEVELOPMENT WITHIN NEXT YEARS CALLED CERTAIN

Irving B. Lincoln Lauds Hospital-ity at Realtors Annual Banquet

Irving B. Lincoln, manager of the Industries department of the Portland Chamber of Commerce, in an address last evening at the annual banquet of the Marion-Polk County Realtors association, held at the Marion hotel, declared that the Oregon people were the most hospital folks he had ever met. Mr. Lincoln came to Oregon about a year ago.

Speaking on "Community Progress," Mr. Lincoln said:

"Your city should have a plan of building and a zoning system for the physical development of your city."

"Here in the Willamette valley, you have the natural resources for the upbuilding of industries. In fact, you should develop into one of the greatest industrial centers of the northwest."

Based on figures recently published showing gains in postal receipts, users of electricity, water connections and school enrollment, Mr. Lincoln said Salem is now a city of 25,000 people.

Another reason for the industrial development of the Willamette valley, according to Mr. Lincoln, is the wonderful textile climate and the soft water, especially adapted to the manufacture of textiles.

Leo Childs, recently elected president of the Marion-Polk Realtors association, expressed the belief that the coming year would continue to show great activity in the real estate market of Salem. Organized as realtors now are, Mr. Childs said it was an honor to become associated with realtors in Marion and Polk counties, and especially to serve as president of the association.

T. W. Zimmerman, secretary of the Northwest Realtors association, declared that the Pacific Northwest was just on the eve of a wonderful development. Mr. Zimmerman looked for a prosperous real estate year.

Judge John H. Scott presided as chairman of the evening. Showing a partiality for stories, the judge called upon C. P. Bishop, C. E. Knowland, George Crowell of Albany, and others, and all responded.

The annual banquet of the realtors last evening was attended by one of the largest crowds ever brought together by the realtors. The program was arranged and was in charge of Winnie Pettyjohn, chairman of the program committee of the Marion-Polk County Realtors association.

GANDIDATE WILL SPEAK

A. E. CLARK TO ADDRESS CHAMBER MEET MONDAY

Principal speaker at Monday's chamber of commerce meeting will be E. A. Clark of Portland, one of the candidates for republican nomination for United States senator. Other candidates have already appeared before that body.

Mr. Clark was born and raised on a farm, worked at logging, rode range and taught school. In 1917 he was made assistant judge advocate general and was in charge of valuation of alien property.

During the Hughes and Coolidge presidential campaigns, he delivered talks, and as a candidate for senator on the progressive ticket. He is a Portland lawyer.

UNITED STATES SEA POWER PUT TO TEST

Impressive Maneuvers Are Held With Every Department Participating

WAR GAME SPECTACULAR

Vast Assemblage of Fighting Craft Takes Part in Exercises; Planes and Submarines Used

SAN PEDRO, Cal., Jan. 15.—(By Associated Press.)—The backbone of American sea power today was engaged off the coast of southern California in one of the most intricate and fascinating maneuvers of navigation in naval practice, battle fleet convoy screening, including repelling of an air attack. Three divisions of the great dreadnaughts, a division of submarines, two squadrons of destroyers, the aircraft carrier Langley, and aircraft squadrons, aircraft tenders, scout cruiser Omaha, submarine tenders, mine sweepers and eagle boats representing all available forces of the United States battle fleet participated.

This vast assemblage of naval warcraft was concentrated during the afternoon after the forenoon had been spent in a fascinating and spectacular war game. The main body of the fleet, the dreadnaughts, preceded by submarines, mine sweepers and eagle boats, left the San Pedro base shortly after dawn for battle exercises. The light scouting forces of the fleet, destroyer squadrons and air forces left San Diego. Proceeding in the direction of each other and utilizing every moment of motion for tactical exercises and battle formations, the two forces went into the problem of a naval encounter between two such forces.

The submarines under the surface, the scouting, fighting, bombing and torpedo planes in the air and the destroyers with their smoke screen maneuvers turned the still waters of the Pacific into a great naval stage of strategy.

Then early in the afternoon after one of the most complete aerial maneuvers ever held off the coast here, the concentration began for the battle fleet convoy screening, which was scheduled to proceed through the night until dawn at least.

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FEDERATION WILL MEET

ANNUAL ELECTION OF OFFICERS WILL TAKE PLACE

Members of the Marion County Community Federation will hold their annual meeting and election of officers Thursday evening, January 21. The meeting will be held in the auditorium of the Salem chamber of commerce.

A. N. Falkerson is the retiring president of the federation. He is a member of the Salem Heights community club. Fred Scott of Liberty is retiring vice president. W. W. Fox of Hayesville retires as secretary and treasurer. Election will be for successors of these offices.

Two new community clubs will be initiated into the federation. Turner will come in. J. R. Hildgood is president. Lashish Center, the other community to be initiated, has been organized for some time, but as yet has not been officially admitted into the federation. V. C. Bishop is president.

After the election, the program will consist of a general table discussion on the subject "What Shall the Federation Do in 1926?" Winnie Braden, secretary of the Dallas chamber of commerce, has been invited to the meeting, and will tell of the accomplishments of the Federated clubs of Folk county. A representative of each community will be called upon for a few remarks.

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