MINERS BODIES PUT IN MORGUE

59 Corpses Found After Terrific Explosion Causes Gases to Form

McALSTER, Okla., Dec. 18. —(AP)—The bodies of 59 mines, some seared and broken by the violence of the explosion which yesterday made a tomb of the Old Town Mining company here, and some of the victims of afterdamp, the poisonous gas which follows such a blast, taxes morgues here to the utmost tonight.

Weary rescue workers for a time continued the search for two bodies at first believed to be buried in debris and then were called out, leaving the mine deserted. Hugh Rice, owner and manager of the mine, announced that all men known to have been in the mine were accounted for.

Only Five Men Survive Disaster

Only five survived of the men who were in the workings when the explosion, apparently caused by a spark from a cutting machine occurred. Two fled to safety before the onrushing billows of smoke and gas and three were rescued from a chamber of the mine in which they had been imprisoned for hours. The mine bookkeeper expressed belief after the bodies of 59 had been removed that two more were buried beneath coal and earth in the wreckage of a cutting machine, which had not been found.

The rescue work, which proceeded slowly in the gas filled chambers, was not without its casualties. Bob Rutherford of McAlester, district mine inspector, was overcome with gas but was brought to the surface and revived. Tom Newton, foreman of the Pierce Coal company, and a volunteer to aid in the recovery of bodies, also suffered from gas. He was given first aid treatment. His condition was not dangerous.

First Blast Said in West Part of Mine

Miller D. Hay, chief state mine inspector, who worked 13 hours in the depths of the mine, returned to the surface today to express the opinion that an explosion occurred in the west part of the mine, where burned, mutilated bodies were found, by dust ignited by a spark in the vicinity of a cutting machine. This explosion, he thought, created dust which, in turn exploded with terrific violence centered in the region of the seventh entry.

"The interior of the mine," said Hay, "was a ghastly sight. Bodies were in all postures. None of them showed signs of a death struggle. Their expressions indicated that they had gasped but once, then died.

Arnold Kissinger, Joe Ponsella and Frank Gonzales, the three men who were taken alive from a room in the mine, after they had nearly succumbed to the oncreeping gas, were improved today.

New Efforts Made At Identification

The bodies lay in rows in the chapels of two undertakers. Although most of them had been identified, the undertakers expressed belief that the indentification was not authentic, because of the confusion and efforts were being made, with the aid of the members of the miners' families and neighbors to correct any errors prior to burial. A plan to draft convicts of the state penitentiary here to dig graves for the mass burial was being considered.

Relatives of the dead men were barred from the morgues because of hysteria among negro women.

Bodies embalmed and positively identified were being placed in caskets, and sent to the miners' simple homes or placed in undertaking company chapels to await funeral services, many of which will be held tomorrow and Friday. Services for most of the negroes and a number of the Mexicans have been set for Sunday. Several bodies will be sent to other places for burial.

Parrish Defeats Rickreall 19-14

The Parrish junior high school basketball team defeated Rickreall high 19 to 14 on the Parrish floor Wednesday night. Parrish's next game is with St. Paul high at St. Paul January 3. Wednesday night's game was the first of the season for Parrish.

LINDY'S EXPLORERS IN ARIZONA CLIFFS

Exclusive pictures of Colonel and Mrs. Lindbergh among the Indian Arizona cliffs which they explored afoot on their desert honeymoon. They are pictured looking at photo of Lindbergh Cave, enroute there afoot. Lindy took pictures over side of plane as Anne flew it.

International Newsreel

COUNTRY IS SWEPT BY FIERCE WEATHER

By the Associated Press

The weather man played hop-Scotch with these United States yesterday, blasting the southwest with icy breath, creating a tornado in the south proper and clipping the western plains with a blizzard, while New Yorkers were put to no more discomfort than braving springlike showers.

Unseasonable weather could well be the summing up word in any one section of the country. While the ordinarily balmy southwest wrapped itself in ulsters, the eastern seaboard, usually the playground of December snow, brought out umbrellas and lighter rainment.

The only section of the east reporting typical December temperatures was upper New York state, where a 48 hour rain turned to ice as wintry blasts swooped down, crippled transportation, sagged down telephone and telegraph poles and in general created havoc.

Louisiana reported a wind of tornado proportions. Three residences were demolished in Alexandria and four persons were known to have been injured.

From Kansas City west, south and north, polar weather was followed by heavy snowfall, but even that was bearable, it having raised a fog that for the past week had hung over the section.

PROBE OF TEAM'S WELCOME STARTED

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of the Jacksonville junior chamber of commerce, said it was the idea of the chamber to have the girls greet the team and that the organization wold share in the blame.

Browning, however, said no school official had granted permission for the girls to be absent from classes and that he intended to make a thorough investigation to learn why the girls were selected to go to the station and who issued the orders.

Church Will Give Pageant Sunday

The American Lutheran church, of which Rev. P. W. Eriksen is pastor is making final preparations for presentation of the Christmas pageant, "The Story Wonderful," which will be given Sunday evening at 7:30 o'clock at the church. Exactly 119 persons, all in costume, will appear in the pageant, which promises to be one of the most brilliant of all the entertainments to be given by the churches.

The church is also arranging a Christmas day program to be held at 10:30 o'clock Wednesday morning. A tree, 16 feet tall, will decorate the church during the holidays.

Nine Churches Represented at Community Fete

Nine local churches in addition to the Y. M. C. A., the Sacred Heart academy and the Salvation Army, will be presented at Y. M. C. A. lobby Friday night.

The churches are the first Methodist, United Brethren, American Lutheran, First Presbyterian, Knight Memorial, South Salem Friends, First Congregational, Episcopal and Leslie Methodist.

An elaborate program including the singing of carols by a large joint choir and by the audience, will be presented. The general public is invited to attend.

MANHATTAN GROUP IS HIGHLY PRAISED

By OLIVE M. DOAK

The Manhattan Players Wednesday night gave the best performance so far of their season at the Hollywood. The play in which they are appearing is "North of 53" and they will be seen in it there again tonight.

Outstanding work was done by Loren Kelly as Jules, the French-Canadian, who brought laugh after laugh with his droll remarks. He kept in character exceptionally well. It is the reviewer's opinion that May Sheldon has never appeared so realistically in any part as she does in the part of "Molly," the dance hall girl who stood her ground with the scoundrel Bill Howland, played in commendable fashion by George Olsen.

A packed house was enthusiastic over the production.

BANDITS CAPTURED

GALLATIN, Mo., Dec. 18 —(AP)—Two robbers who this afternoon held up the Pattonsburg Savings bank at Pattonsburg, Mo., and took approximately $8,000 were apprehended by a posse six miles southwest of here this evening after a gun battle.

BUILDINGS BILL PASSES

WASHINGTON, Dec. 18.—(AP)—Without a word of debate, the senate today passed the Rogers bill authorizing $15,950,000 for construction of new Veterans hospital facilities throughout the country.

GIESE ELECTED TO CAPTAIN'S BERTH

Wynfred Giese will captain the Salem high school football eleven next season, the football players voted at the annual banquet held last night at the high school cafeteria. Charles Kelley, who played his last year last fall, was awarded the Pomeroy and Keene gold football trophy for the best all-around player. The silver football trophy went to Giese, captain-elect.

Joe King, student body president, presided at the banquet. Speeches were given by George W. Hug, city superintnedent; Fred Wolf, high shool principal; Hollis Huntington, coach; J. C. Nelson, honorary member of the "S" club and principal emeritus; Dr. Edward Lee Russell, school physician; and Albert DeWelt, student body auditor. Each minor member of the team also gave a short talk, these being: Robert and Charles Kelley, George Drager, Wallace Hug, Weiser, Howard Adams and Lowell Wright. Fifteen football men were in attendance.

Mrs. Eula S. Creech, head of the home economics department, and a group of her girls planned and served the banquet.

WILLAMETTE RISES RAPIDLY, EUGENE

EUGENE, Ore., Dec. 18—(AP)—Flooding many basements in residential sections and covering several highways near this city with water, two and one half inches of rain fell here during the 24 hours ended at 5 p.m., today. The Willamette and McKenzie rivers were rising rapidly tonight and it was predicted that the Willamette would overflow its banks and flood the Pacific highway between heree and Springfield before tomorrow morning.

The south bound air mail plane was forced to land here today because of heavy rainfall and the fog. The mail was transferred to a train.

Weather bureau officials said 11 inches of rain has fallen here since December 8.

MELLON ON VACATION

MIAMI, Fla., Dec. 18.—(AP)—Andrew W. Mellon, secretary of the treasury sailed from Miami for a three weeks holiday of Bahaman waters today.

STATE BANKS PAY UP TAXES

Fight Against County Levies Abandoned; Checks Are Sent to Sheriff

Marion county will not have to take action against its six state banks which have been holding out on their bank stock taxes since the 1927 taxes were due. Wednesday Sheriff Oscar Bower received checks from the Coolidge & McClaine bank of Silverton, the Bank of Mt. Angel and the State Bank of Woodburn covering their delinquent taxes to date. Other tax checks from the State Bank of Hubbard, the Aurora State bank and the State Bank of Scotts Mills are expected either today or before the week is over.

The six state banks had on their tax rolls a total of $9,855 of which $7,028.27 was received by the tax collecter when the checks from the Silverton, Mt. Angel and Woodburn banks were credited yesterday.

The money represented the last taxes which will be assessed against the banks in the manner in which they were levied. Hereafter bank taxes will be handled through the excise tax now provided for by an act passed by the last legislature, after the tax on national banks was held invalid by the federal court.

There is still on the tax rolls a total of $24,678.56 due from national banks. None of the national banks have paid their taxes for the period except the U. S. National bank of Salem which kept its taxes paid to the date when the courts decided for the banks.

State banks held that it was unfair for them to pay if the national banks did not. For that reason they have been holding out.

Turkey Shoot to Be Held at Shaw

The fourth and last of a series of turkey shoots staged by the Shaw Gun club, will be held at Shaw Sunday, December 22. All of them have been successful and the last one is expected to draw a bigger entry list thanthose of recent weeks.

HUGE LOAN VOTED

BERLIN, Dec. 18—(AP)—The Reichstag today voted 239 to 138 to authorize a loan of 465,00,000 marks (about $100,000,000).