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GUSHER TORCH FLARES HIGHER BLAST PLANNED

Unusually Heavy Charge of Nitro Only Method of Combat, Decided

Eighth Victim Passes Away In Hospital; Theory Of Spark is Held

GLADEWATER, Tex., April 29.—(AP)—The burning Sinclair oil company's gusher flared higher tonight as the eighth victim of the well's wrath died in a Longview, Tex., hospital.

Petroleum from the heavily producing No. 1 Cole well, two miles southwest of Gladewater, was ignited, apparently by accident, late yesterday.

After an airplane survey of the well, N. M. and Harry Kinley, experienced Tulsa, Okla., fire fighters, laid plans to begin a fight tomorrow to extinguish the torch. They believed an unusually heavy charge of nitroglycerine would be necessary to blast out the flames.

Theory Scored
Five charred bodies lay in Longview morgues. Two other bodies were cremated at the site of the derrick.

Although Sinclair officials at Tulsa intimated there was a possibility the well was ignited by incendiaries, that theory was scored both by W. Tom Cole, owner of the lease and eye-witness of the explosion, and by Sheriff Martin Hayes of Gregg county.

Cole said the well was ignited by friction sparks. The suspicion as to possible incendiary origin of the fire was based upon a recent letter sent by Texas Ranger Captain Frank Hamer to oil companies warning of a possible communist plot to damage oil field properties.

ELKS CARAVAN TO BE HERE IN JULY

C. H. Kirkman, publicity man for the Elks' caravan which will pass through Salem July 4 on its way from Los Angeles to the national Elks convention in Seattle, called in Salem Wednesday, visiting the chamber of commerce and local Elks organization.

Mr. Kirkman stated that the caravan will be about 1000 cars strong and which will leave Los Angeles July 1 under police escort, will be the largest such motor traveling delegation ever to be assembled.

It is estimated that 176,000 gallons of gas will be used on the trip; 17,500 quarts of oil; and \$108,750 will be spent for necessities along the way.

The cars will travel in formation and will be decorated with the Elks colors. Forty-five towns will be passed through enroute, and welcomes are being planned in these towns.

British Flier Lost in North

MAMMO, Sweden, April 29.—(AP)—Two airplanes headed in to the north today to look for Augustin Courtaud, lost somewhere on the Greenland icecap and unable to effect a junction with the rest of the British expedition sent out last year to survey an Anglo-Canadian air route.

Poling, Pioneer Pastor Returns to Church Here

Rev. C. C. Poling, for 51 years in the service of the Evangelical church and most of that time in Oregon, has returned to Salem to become for the second time pastor of that denomination here. He comes here from Portland, where he has been pastor of the First Baptist church since 1928, at the appointment to the East Side Evangelical church there, which he founded.

Boy Hero of Bus Tragedy Paid Honors

WASHINGTON, April 29.—(AP)—A slender, fair-haired schoolboy from Colorado shared the attention of President Hoover today with the dark haired king of Siam.

Bryan Untiedt, 13-year-old youngster whose heroism in the recent Colorado blizzard caused President Hoover to invite him to the White House for a visit of two days and a night, arrived in time today to witness the ceremonial coronation of the king and queen of Siam.

The royal couple had dinner with the president, a formal affair. But Bryan had lunch with him, which was distinctly informal. The president called later on the king, but, on the other hand, the lad slept tonight in the blue bedroom where thousands of distinguished visitors to the executive mansion have rested. No king has ever slept there, but Lindbergh has.

MOTORING COST IS DOWN TWO CENTS

Gasoline cut to 13½ Cents At Some Stations; Is Dealers' Move

Motoring costs went down another two cents per how-many-miles-you-get yesterday, with the gasoline price cut to that extent at a few local service stations. While other dealers were reluctant to say what they will do in the matter, the slash looked to be entirely a dealers' cut.

At the new figure, gas is pumped out of the tank at as low as 13½ cents here, the bottom mark for the year to date. Gas has reached as low as 12 cents a gallon locally, this being the mark for a while during the gas war last summer.

Plane Catches Fire, Two Men Die as Result

BRANDON, Man., April 29.—(AP)—An airplane caught fire in the air above the airport here tonight, with the gasoline tank exploding, and two men lost their lives in the crash.

The men were William Clark, 21, owner of the plane, and William Britton, 27, pilot of the plane. Man. Clark was the son of Colonel and Mrs. F. J. Clark of Brandon.

Hoover Junior Much Improved

WASHINGTON, April 29.—(AP)—Forty pounds heavier than during his last visit to the White House, Herbert Hoover, Jr., returned today for a visit with his parents.

All who saw him remarked how well he looked after six months rest and adherence to a health-building regime in mountain retreats.

Hoover Greets Siam's Royalty

WASHINGTON, April 29.—(AP)—The culmination of the nation's official welcome to the king and queen of Siam came tonight with a state dinner in their honor at the White House.

He served his first field in Portland, establishing the first English mission which he tended for three years and then organized into a church, the East Side church which he has just left. He served this church three years, the longest term of service there; next he was sent to Yamhill county for a year, and then selected as presiding elder, which appointment he held at the age of 29. (Turn to page 2, col. 2)

WOMEN UPHOLD DRY LAWS; HIT AT NEWS FILTH

General Federation Views Resolutions Brought Before Council

Vulgarity of Yellow News Decried; Urge Better Papers be Backed

PHOENIX, Ariz., April 29.—(AP)—Resolutions upholding the 18th amendment and asking severe aggressive campaigns against communism and a report deprecating "the filth and vulgarity that pollutes too many daily newspapers" were presented to the biennial council of the general federation of Women's clubs here today.

The resolutions, which also included endorsement of the world court, women's compensation and relief and disarmament, will be considered for adoption on Friday.

The report dealing with newspapers was presented by Mrs. William R. Alvord of Detroit, Mich., chairman of the department of press and publicity, who pleaded with members of the federation to patronize only good newspapers.

Frances Better, Type of Papers
In attacking "the tabloid vulgarity and all the cheap news-garbage flaunted by our yellow journals," she said, "I am not unkind of the high type of journalism maintained by the class of newspapers you and I read, nor the efforts made by them to foster better journalism."

"I am not unkind of the fact that the type is young and that there is a new group of readers, thanks to our public education, but how an honest school child can sing 'Oh, Beautiful For Spacious Skies' after reading a tabloid passes our comprehension."

Borah Assails Bureaucracy as Headed to Ruin

WASHINGTON, April 29.—(AP)—A warning the federal government is building a bureaucratic machine which will demand permanent increases in expenditures and taxation unless stopped by "angry public opinion" was issued today by Senator Borah.

The Idaho Republican said a large share of the blame should be placed on the executive branch of the government, he assailed what he called "an effort to put the sole blame on congress."

Japan, America Better Friends Result of Pact

WASHINGTON, April 29.—(AP)—Secretary Stimson said today a "firm and lasting friendship" had been built between the United States and Japan as a result of the London naval conference.

The relations between the two nations were praised by the secretary of state in a radio speech carried over the Pacific ocean to the north of here late today. Five passengers escaped injury. The plane was badly damaged.

Mrs. Gann Wins Hostess Rights

WASHINGTON, April 29.—Mrs. Edward Everett Gann today won recognition as the official hostess of Vice President Charles Curtis, her brother.

The state department official fixed her status, making a ruling for the first time since her controversy with Mrs. Nicholas Longworth over social precedence.

Dairy Truck Shatters 16 Glass Panes

Panes of 16 plate glass windows were shattered and the woodwork front of the Cash Feed store on South Commercial street demolished last night when a Maple dairy truck collided with another truck and came into the building. No one was injured.

The milk truck, proceeding north on Commercial street, swung sharply toward the right curb in attempt to avoid colliding with the second truck which, southbound, was turning to enter the Bonesteel garage, next door to the feed store, according to report of police investigators. The trucks collided however and the dairy wagon crashed into the store front.

Beat front axle and fender was the extent of damages to the dairy vehicle. H. A. Grod, Salem route 8, box 233-A, is owner of the dairy truck.

POWER FIRM CUTS PAY 10 PER CENT

PORTLAND, Ore., April 29.—(AP)—Ten per cent salary reductions for employees of the Pacific Northwest Public Service company, the Portland General Electric company and all subsidiaries have been ordered for May 1, Franklin T. Griffith, president, announced today.

The wage cut, made as an emergency measure to meet existing conditions, will affect "all executives, officials, commercial department employees, office and office building employees," the announcement said.

Griffith said the company had maintained the same expenditures and improvements in the belief the business depression would be temporary but "present volume of business in all departments is materially less than in 1929."

The wage reduction was ordered to avoid any major reduction in personnel, he said. The wage-cut for Portland General Electric employees will apply to those in Salem and vicinity, according to the announcement.

Bertha Albrich Dies Following Brief Illness

Mrs. Bertha Albrich, 53, daughter of the pioneer Huffman family, died at the residence, 640 Marion street, Wednesday evening, following a three days' illness. She was the daughter of John A. Huffman and born on the family donation land claim north of the state fairgrounds. She had lived in Salem all her life.

She is survived by her husband Frank; eight children; John of Portland and Mrs. Eva Henann, Dr. Joe Albrich, Teresa, Winifred, Mary, Clara, and Frank, all of Salem.

The remains are at the Terwilliger funeral home. Council Agrees To Check Names
SEATTLE, April 29.—(AP)—A member of the city council today said that body would provide for the \$1000 expense in checking the real estate petition against Mayor Pratt's election and the work was begun, while the mayor and his supporters launched plans for a legal attack on the movement.

Oregon Briefs

ASTORIA VS. MEDFORD
PORTLAND, Ore., April 29.—(AP)—Astoria and Medford high school debate teams will meet here Thursday night to determine the western Oregon high school debating league championship. Prineville high school has won the championship of eastern Oregon and the winner of the debate Thursday night will meet Prineville for the state championship.

PLANS FOR POLICE
PORTLAND, Ore., April 29.—(AP)—Dispatches from the Oregonian's Washington correspondent said today Major General Smedley D. Butler will leave Washington May 13 for Oregon to direct organization of the new state police department.

EXTORTION TRIED
MARSHFIELD, Ore., April 29.—(AP)—William Howard, 47,

MEYERS READY TO LEAVE JOB FRIDAY, WORD

Makes Proviso That pay be Extended to June 1; Up to Governor

Hoss Favors Acceptance of Offer; Lewis Favored For Combined job

Willingness to retire as superintendent of the Oregon state penitentiary May 1 provided he is allowed vacation pay to June 1, was indicated by Henry W. Meyers Wednesday to Hal E. Hoss, secretary of state. Mr. Meyers was recently exonerated of charges of incompetency by the board of control.

Hoss announced last night that he favored Meyer's proposal which will be presented at a meeting of the state board of control here today. Hoss also announced that he would vote for the retention of James Lewis in the capacity of both superintendent and warden of the penitentiary. Lewis has served as deputy warden since early in the administration of Mr. Meyers. He previously was connected with the prison under the Olcott administration.

Governor Meier said he had no comment to offer on the proposal as nothing definite had yet reached his ears. He previously had denied chance to make improvements.

Meyers proposal to retire May 1 followed closely upon the sudden death of Thomas B. Kay, state treasurer, here early Wednesday, Kay, few minutes prior (Turn to page 2, col. 1)

SALEM FIRMS LOW ON STATE COTTAGE

Seventeen bids were received by the state board of control Wednesday for the general contract involving construction of the new cottage at the state home for the feeble minded. Foster L. Odum of Salem submitted the low bid of \$30,490. Awarding of the contract was deferred until a future meeting of the board.

R. E. Boatwright, Salem, was low bidder for the excavation job at \$55. Bernard of Salem submitted the low bid of \$4872 for the plumbing and heating, while the Eoff Electric Company, Inc., also of Salem, was the low bidder on the electric wiring. This bid was in the amount of \$1,954.64.

The bids aggregated \$36,971.74 or approximately \$8000 under the estimates on which the budget for this improvement was based a year ago.

Argues Against Wage Reduction

ATLANTIC CITY, N. J., April 29.—(AP)—Secretary of Commerce, Robert P. Lamond, addressing the United States chamber of commerce today, counseled the nation's business leaders against wage cutting as a solution of their problem.

Instead, he said the most prosperous periods in history have been those "coincident with high wages and shorter hours."

Carol Tired of Dictator Talk

BUCHAREST, Rumania, April 29.—(AP)—King Carol told a group of foreign newspaper men today he was "tired" of rumors that a dictatorship would be established in Rumania.

The king added he was a "faithful adherent of the parliamentary regime."

Tribute Paid Thomas Kay

Henry R. Crawford, president Salem chamber of commerce: "Tom Kay was a great civic leader. His interests were always with Salem, dating back to the days when he served as president of the Salem board of trade. He was always ready to help develop any industry for the good of my community. His untimely death is a loss not only to Salem but to the entire state of Oregon."

W. I. Staley, president Y. M. C. A. board: "Mr. Kay has been a member of the 'Y' board for over 30 years. He took a very active interest in the work of the 'Y' and will be greatly missed. He was a steady, constructive, energetic worker."

President W. H. Dancy, Rotary club: "The state, county and city have lost one of its best citizens. Rotarians feel the loss of a warm personal friend who was constant in his attendance and always interested in the success of Rotary."

Congressman W. C. Hawley: "I have known Thomas Kay for many years both in private and public life. He was an enterprising and capable business executive. He gave the state the benefit of his business training and experience in the discharge of his duties as state treasurer, to the great profit of the state. Other outstanding traits of his character were his absolute and unusual grasp of state problems. His death is a great loss to the state."

COUNTY W. C. T. U. HOLDS CONVENTION

All officers of the Marion county Women's Christian Temperance Union were reelected at the convention held Wednesday in the Christian church at Turner, which was attended by 60 members representing all of the local unions in the county, an unusually large number for this annual event. Thirty-two were from Salem.

The officers are Mrs. Helen (Turn to page 2, col. 6)

Extortion Plot Against Clara Bow is Alleged

LOS ANGELES, April 29.—(AP)—Following extended questioning today of Allen Hunter, former circulation manager for a weekly journal published by Frederick Girnaun, members of the sheriff's office here announced that they had been given information concerning a \$100,000 extortion plot against Clara Bow, the film actress.

Girnaun is in jail here, charged with sending "scurrilous and obscene" articles about Miss Bow through the mails.

Earthquake in Transcaucasia Takes Big Toll

MOSCOW, April 29.—(AP)—A total of 392 persons were known tonight to have perished in the earthquake which struck three districts of the Soviet republic of Nakhichevan in transcaucasia today.

In the district of Gerussy 200 were killed and 205 injured, while in the Sisiana region 192 were known to be dead and 600 injured.

Eighty per cent of the villages in the Sangezur region were destroyed.

Police Revolt Not Supported

RIO DE JANEIRO, April 29.—(AP)—No popular demonstrations followed the brief revolt of the police at Sao Paulo yesterday, according to reports which reached here, and it was said complete quiet had been restored.

Salem to Pay Final Honors to T. B. Kay At 2 O'clock Today

Business Houses to Close for Hour of T. B. Kay Funeral

Public Offices Close And Businesses are So Requested

Services Will be Held At First Christian Church Here

Treasurer to be Appointed Soon

No Public Discussion as to Selection Until After Kay Funeral Today

County W. C. T. U. Holds Convention

All Officers Reelected at Turner; Activities of Past Year Outlined

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