

PREMATURE OIL WELLEXPLOSION FATAL TO SEVEN

Nitroglycerine Blast Goes Off Ahead of Schedule in Utah Field

Derrick Hurlled Upon Crowd of Curious; Attorney Sees Tragedy

ST. GEORGE, Utah, March 6.—(AP)—A premature blast of nitroglycerine killed six persons tonight and injured at least a dozen others as a crowd gathered to watch the "blowing in" of an oil well five miles south of here.

The dead had been identified tonight as:
Joseph Empey, electrician of St. George.
Mr. and Mrs. Charles Alsop, St. George.
William Maloney, St. George.
Ray Nelson, St. George.
Mrs. Joseph Snow, wife of a St. George attorney.
C. M. Fleckinger, oil driller.

lard Garrett, father of Lucille. The exact number of injured and their identity was not known at a late hour.

Top of Automobile Is Blown Off

Ellis J. Pickett, local attorney, witnessed the tragedy. He said he was sitting with his wife in their automobile near the well and after the first blast moved 60 feet farther back because of Mrs. Pickett's nervousness. The second charge was sent down, he declared, but it exploded before reaching the bottom of the well. With a terrific roar the derrick was ripped from its anchorage and hurled upon the crowd.

Force of the explosion tore off the top of Pickett's automobile.

RADIO STATION IS WRECKED IN CUBA

Reason for Invasion by 8 Machine Gunners is Not Ascertained

HAVANA, March 6.—(AP)—Eight men armed with machine guns wrecked a radio station here tonight as the climax of a day of violent developments directed against the regime of President Carlos Menditea.

The reason for the wrecking of the broadcasting studio was not ascertained. The property loss was estimated at \$12,000.

An emergency meeting of Cuban political and army leaders tonight took decisive steps to crush the strike threatening President Menditea's government after an outburst of terrorism took the life of one man and left 11 wounded in Havana.

Survey of Flood Control Approved For This Valley

Approval of an appropriation of \$7500 for survey of flood control and irrigation development in the Willamette valley was given by the house yesterday.

The bill as passed provides that the state's appropriation shall not be used unless a like or larger amount be provided by the federal government to match Oregon's outlay.

The Willamette valley study was approved by Governor Martin and passage of the bill was urged by him in a special message to the legislature.

The bill provides that the state engineer conduct the survey in conjunction with federal engineers.

Clerk Receives Nameless Check, Bill for Dog Tag

The county clerk will be \$2 to the good through dog license collections if county residents don't recollect their shortcomings.

Among the moneys received through the mail for dog licenses is one dollar check with no signature or address, save that the envelope bore a Jefferson postmark. Another person carefully attached a dollar greenback to an order for a dog license but neglected to give name and address.

38-Year Old Rancher Admits Slaying Utah Stockman, Grandson

Says He Killed to Protect Wife and Land; Leads Sheriff Through 28-Mile Chase by Automobile

SULPHUR SPRINGS, Texas, March 6.—(AP)—Sheriff Clint Renuau said tonight Clinton Palmer, 38-year-old ranchman had admitted to him orally, in the presence of newspapermen, the slayings of a 70-year-old Utah stockman and his grandson last Monday in a Utah range argument and said he killed them "to protect my wife and my land."

Brain Trust for Nations, Scheme

DR. NICHOLAS M. BUTLER

LONDON, March 6.—(AP)—A proposal to set up an international body of experts which would serve as a "brain trust" for all governments in advising ways to restore prosperity was formally presented at this evening's session of Dr. Nicholas Murray Butler's unofficial world economic conference. It was understood the immediate reaction of the conference, including a score of leading British economists and bankers, was divided. No decision will be taken until tomorrow.

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SNOW REVIVES HOPE THROUGH MIDWEST

KANSAS CITY, March 6.—(AP)—The drought-harassed western farmer counted some gain in a six to eight-inch snow blanket left behind by the March lion as he roared eastward tonight. But it was not nearly enough.

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Hammond Mill to Close in 3 Weeks

Closing of the Hammond Lumber company mill at Mill City at the end of the next three weeks was announced yesterday by F. R. Olin, manager of the mill with headquarters in Portland. Olin stated that reopening of the plant was "entirely indefinite." He would not comment on future operations of the mill at Mill City but refused to confirm reports that the shutdown was to be permanent. Olin indicated the company's policy would depend on the lumber market.

REORGANIZATION BOUGHT

PORTLAND, Ore., March 6.—(AP)—Owners of the Kenton Lumber mills of Portland today filed a petition in federal court for reorganization under new provisions of the national bankruptcy act.

The petition asks that all suits and actions against the debtor be enjoined and the owners be continued in possession during the reorganization.

Assets of the company were listed in the petition at \$167,500 and liabilities at \$75,000.

PETITIONS CIRCULATED, U. O.—EUGENE, Ore., March 6.—(AP)—Agitation for optional instead of compulsory military training is being made for the second consecutive year by a small group of University of Oregon students circulating petitions asking the faculty to act.

RECIPROCIITY IN TARIFFS TO BE REQUIRED, SAY

Nations With Policies Not Favorable to America Will Be Left Out

Germany, Italy and Russia Come Under Scrutiny of State Leaders

WASHINGTON, March 6.—(AP)—A foreign policy aimed at keeping the benefits of this country's reciprocal trade treaties away from nations whose nationalistic policies are detrimental to American trade was enunciated today by President Roosevelt.

Specifically, the president explained, tariff reductions achieved in trade pacts would not be extended to countries who do not, in return, give favored nation treatment to this country's goods. Elsewhere, it was learned authoritatively that policies pursued by Germany, Italy and Soviet Russia have brought on close scrutiny by the state department. The study will determine whether those countries are to receive any benefits derived from the reciprocal trade agreement program.

State department legal experts have been requested to render an official opinion as to whether, despite the existing unconditional most-favored-nation agreements, the United States should claim that those and other nations tariff reductions and other concessions granted in pacts concluded with Brazil, Cuba and Belgium.

German Treaty Ends This Year

Germany, the first nation to conclude an unconditional most favored nation pact with the United States, denounced the treaty on October 13, 1934, and announced it would be considered as ended on October 14 of this year. Under ordinary circumstances the treaty would have expired on that date.

State department officials, however, consider that Germany has violated the treaty in a number of specific instances and have requested legal advice as to whether the pact is not already null and void.

Tribute to Holmes Paid by President

WASHINGTON, March 6.—(AP)—Led by President Roosevelt, the great and humble paid tribute tonight to the memory of Oliver Wendell Holmes, whose life ended early today.

With full military honors, the jurist will be buried by the side of his wife in Arlington cemetery on Friday. Had he lived, the day would have been his 84th birthday.

The president, who called Holmes "one of the nation's first citizens," will lead the list of dignitaries at the private burial rites.

"This was the life of rare distinction, soldier, scholar, author, teacher, jurist and gallant gentleman, he personified throughout his long career the finest American traditions," Mr. Roosevelt said.

The body of the man acclaimed as the "great liberal" in his 29 years as a justice of the supreme court remained in his unpretentious red brick home on Eye street.

Recovery Act is Held Illegal in New Orleans Case

NEW ORLEANS, March 6.—(AP)—United States District Judge Wayne G. Borah orally expressed belief today that the national industrial recovery act is unconstitutional. He denied a government petition seeking to compel a box manufacturer to comply with the maximum hour and minimum wage provisions of the number code.

The district judge's ruling was expected to place before the United States supreme court for final decision the constitutionality of the interstate commerce clause of the number code.

Bill for Rejected Claim is Vetoed

Governor Martin late yesterday vetoed a \$600 appropriation bill designed to pay Mrs. Bertha Bergerson for a claim rejected by the industrial accident commission.

"I am not unmindful of the distress of Mrs. Bergerson but approval of such legislation would open the way to subjecting the legislature to importunities of other claimants whose claims have for one reason or another been denied by a commission acting in good faith," the governor declared.

Two Portland policemen accused of taking various articles from a drug store, were dismissed tonight by order of Mayor Joseph K. Carson and Chief of Police Harry Niles.

A police disciplinary board had recommended the dismissal of Patrolmen M. E. Nelson and R. C. Moulton following the hearing.

Leader of Italy's Forces in Africa



ATHENS, March 6.—(AP)—Bloody hand-to-hand fighting in the streets of ancient Kavalla tonight followed an attack by 20 government bombing planes which sowed death and destruction in the ranks of Macedonian rebels.

Martial law prevails throughout Greece. The whole country appears paralyzed with fear and misgivings. Rail, telephone and telegraphic communications are cut off and normal activities are suspended.

After raking Kavalla with machine guns and raining bombs upon it, the bombers roared away to Strafe, the insurgents' encampment near Serres, from which government artillery blasted them earlier today.

A five-hour battle, the outcome of which was not disclosed in semi-official messages reaching the capital from the front, followed the aerial raid on the old Aegean seaport as residents, described as supporters of the government, rose against the revolutionaries who had invaded it.

SUPPORT FOR WAGE PROVISION CLAIMED

Administration Held to Be Wavering on Disputed Relief Act Point

WASHINGTON, March 6.—(AP)—A "stiffening" of support for his prevailing wage amendment to the \$4,880,000,000 relief bill and a "wavering" in administration opposition ranks was claimed today by Senator McCarran (D-Nev.).

The curly haired Nevada made his forecast after a survey of reaction to announcement that Vermont's two republican senators—Austin and Gibson—would change from his to the administration's side if certain committee changes were retained in the measure.

Administration forces refused to concede any "wavering" and a "battle of amendments" appeared in prospect. Other amendments are sure to be offered when debate is resumed.

The senate did not reach consideration of the revised relief bill today, but hoped to get to it tomorrow after disposition of the army appropriation measure.

McCarran prepared the stage, however, by re-offering his wage amendment in the form in which it passed the senate, 44 to 43, two weeks ago. The bill, sent back to committee on motion of democratic leaders, was reported back again yesterday with some administrative concessions, but minus the McCarran amendment.

UNEMPLOYMENT IS WANING IN OREGON

PORTLAND, Ore., March 6.—(AP)—Unemployment in Oregon is gradually diminishing, the state relief committee reported today.

The number on relief rolls dropped during the two-year period ending in January from 43,659 families or 145,392 persons, to 39,991 families or 136,952 persons.

The report credited a growing private construction program for the upward trend.

The committee announced it now has about 800 work relief projects under way in the state, giving 16,000 men and women 48 hours of work each month. The state's seven transient camps are caring for 1200 men and boys.

The committee ordered additional projects, aggregating \$42,000, in Multnomah, Tillamook, Umatilla, Lane and Coos counties.

Late Sports

PORTLAND, Ore., March 6.—(AP)—Adgered by kicks and punches in the groin, Gus Sonnenberg butted and tackled his way to the deciding fall in his wrestling match here tonight against Jules Strongbow, 776-pound Oklahoma Indian.

Sonnenberg, who weighed 70 pounds less than his opponent, refused to take the match on a foul and finished the giant redskin in short order after they divided the first two falls.

Ted Cox, 220, Lodi, Cal., required only 10 seconds to slug the third and deciding fall from Jack Washburn, 240, Boston, in a rough bout.

AMERICANS IN FEAR, GREECE; BATTLE RAGES

Hand-to-Hand Fighting in Kavalla Streets Comes After Air Attack

Martial Law Prevails; All Communications Said to Be Suspended

(Copyright 1935, by Associated Press) GHEVGHLELI, Greek—Yugoslav Frontier, March 6.—Despite the announcement of the Athens government that it has the situation in hand and expects soon to crush the bloody revolution, Americans in Greece tonight considered the situation highly dangerous.

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WORLD NEWS AT A GLANCE

(By the Associated Press)

Domestic:
WASHINGTON—President Roosevelt set prices too low to justify stabilization now, denies devaluation move.

WASHINGTON—Long files formal charges against Farley; says he will run for senator.

NEW ORLEANS—U. S. district judge expresses verbal opinion NIRA unconstitutional for interstate manufacturer.

WASHINGTON—Move to replace NRA codes with industrial self-government gains headway in congress.

WASHINGTON—House committee defeat proposal to issue \$2,000,000,000 in new currency to pay bonus; method problem debated.

PINEBURST, N. C.—Inquest witnesses repeat Mrs. Elva Staller Davidson was despondent shortly before she was found dead.

WASHINGTON—Capital mourns death of former Justice Oliver Wendell Holmes.

NEW YORK—Herbert Willspon named to succeed Giulio Gattacasa as general manager of Metropolitan opera next season.

Foreign:
ATHENS—Government planes bomb rebel ranks; bloody fighting follows in ancient Kavalla; rebels hard-pressed.

HAVANA—Cuban army and political leaders make sweeping move to crush school, employes' strikes threatening government after flare of terrorism.

LONDON—New date will be set for Anglo-German peace talks perhaps next week; government swells defense program.

BERLIN—German army officers pay tribute to Gen. Kurt von Schleicher, killed as traitor in nazi "purge."

PARIS—Deputies fight duel, one wounded.

LONDON—Dr. Nicholas Murray Butler proposes international "brain trust" to advise governments on paths of prosperity.

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RAIL STRIKE VOTED

MEXICO, X.D. F., March 6.—(AP)—A general strike of all employees of the National Railways of Mexico and the Mexican railway was voted today in protest against refusal of the companies to sign a general labor contract.

NED SPARKS DIVORCED

LOS ANGELES, March 6.—(AP)—Mrs. Mercedes Sparks, wife of Ned Sparks, solemn faced motion picture comedian, was granted a divorce this afternoon after testifying her husband's temper was bad and that he used harsh language.

Private Trade in Soviet is Driven Out of Business

MOSCOW, March 6.—(AP)—Private trade in the Soviet Union has been virtually eliminated with the exception of such minor forms as market vending and the like, it was officially announced today.

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Figures were made public showing that private trade in the U. S. S. R. during 1934 was 1,000,000,000 rubles (the ruble is nominally 50 cents) while in 1934 it was reduced to zero.

Cabinet Bill's Study by Interim Committee to be Proposed Today

Saturday Adjournment Made Probable by Martin's Move

Way for adjournment of the legislature Saturday night was paved late yesterday when the governor's state government reorganization bill was jerked from the lineup of measures which must receive final consideration this session.

The controversial bill, introduced Monday in the senate, will go to a special interim committee for consideration, it was learned authentically last night. Governor Martin is expected to send a message to the two houses today proposing that the reorganization plan be studied by a special group consisting of two senators, three representatives and two citizens with the newly-created state planning board acting in an advisory capacity to the interim group.

Opposition Noted by Governor

Some of the sponsors of the reorganization bill, interviewed last night, said they were quite content to let the matter go before a special committee rather than seek to jam it through this session.

D. Hood, budget director, who sponsored the writing of the bill, said he would prefer to see the bill given further study rather than have it greatly amended in a hurried action by the legislature.

A public hearing on the bill is scheduled for tonight but the governor may cancel this meeting over which Senator Hazlett, chairman of the senate committee where the bill now resides, is to preside.

Saturday Adjournment Resolution Proffered

Sentiment for adjournment grew apace in both houses yesterday. A resolution for sine die adjournment Saturday night was introduced in the lower house late in the afternoon and was laid on the table to be used Saturday if the senate cleans up its calendar, the house having pushed through most of the major legislation before it.

In the upper house final consideration of three bills of the "iceberg" utility bill, (Turn to Page 9, Col. 3)

Compulsory Fee Plan Given OSC Confidence Vote

CORVALLIS, Ore., March 6.—(AP)—The Oregon State college student body today gave an overwhelming vote of confidence to the compulsory student fee payment law enacted by the Oregon legislature.

The vote taken by secret ballot showed between nine and ten to one in favor of the uniform fee plan.

The only opposition expressed in the student body meeting preceding the vote was by Don Saunders, graduate student who transferred here from the University of Oregon. Dick Bars, editor of the Oregon State Barometer, made the chief supporting argument.

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Licensing Slot Machine to Pay Pensions Voted, House

The now-illegal slot machine was given new dignity by the house late yesterday when it approved Representatives Snider and Krier's measure to license the devices throughout the state.

Thirty-seven representatives voted for the bill, 17 voted no and 10 were absent.

The amended slot machine bill, which failed to receive approval in the public morals and health committee, received the support of the majority of the cities and counties committee to which it was later referred.

The \$15 a month license must be paid on each slot machine under the terms of the act with \$1 a month license provided for marble-games throughout the state.

Proponents of the slot machine act contended it would raise from \$300,000 to \$1,000,000 annually in Oregon. Cities may levy an additional tax on the machines if they desire or may prohibit their operation.

Representative Snider, leading the floor fight for the bill, contended that efforts to prohibit slot machines had failed and that they were in use throughout the state. "You can't drive them out; why not license the machines and get money for paying old-age pensions," he queried.

Representative Thomas of West Salem took issue with Snider, declaring the law against slot machines could be enforced. He characterized the slot machine as an evil which should not be made to raise money for the citizens of Oregon.

Same as Legalizing Thievery, Thomas Avers

"To legalize thieves would be just as logical as legalizing these machines," added Representative Harrison.

Representative Krier said the legislature should deal with slot machines realistically and quit "legalizing thievery" that makes a law would put the devices out of operation.

"Twice I asked Governor Martin about this bill and twice he told me he was for it," Representative Nelson declared. "We should look to the forgotten families and provide old-age pensions" (Turn to Page 9, Col. 5)