

Powder Blast Kills Over 29

Felt 125 Miles Away at Danbury; No Sabotage Evidence, Claimed

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nurses sought to ease their pains. Others were taken to hospitals in nearby Morristown.

Dr. C. A. Plame of Succasunna, a physician at the plant, declared that "a lot of men must be buried in the ruins."

"I was getting into my car to drive to the plant," he said, "when I heard a big bang. A solid column of smoke went into the air—probably 200 feet. That was the heaviest blast. It was followed by another big one and then several smaller ones. I don't know just how many."

"When I got to the hospital I found everything all around. The clock had stopped at 1:30 p. m. I guess that's the time of the first explosion. Every window in the place was smashed and the walls buckled. The only one in there was Miss Grace Heckman, a nurse. She was not even scratched. It was a miracle."

Some Identification Numbers Missing

The business of identifying the dead and the maimed proceeded slowly. Every man employed there—there were no women workers in the plant—wore an identification number but these were often obliterated or blown completely away.

Three men who died after arriving at the hospital were burned almost beyond recognition. They were Ray Gulick of Wharton, Jess Bennett, address unknown, and R. Turks, address also unknown.

Clergymen of all faiths came to Dover hospital to seek out members of their flocks among the injured.

"I saw hell in France but it was nothing like this," was the comment of one of them, the Rev. E. Glenn Van Tilburg, of St. John's Methodist church, Wharton. He was a US army chaplain in the World war.

Another minister, the Rev. L. E. Wright, of the First Methodist church, Succasunna, helped carry the injured into the hospital. Standing on the hospital steps later he read a partial list of the injured and asked the crowd to be patient while the slow process of identification continued.

Cool-headed teachers averted panic at the Rockaway township high and grammar schools a half mile from the plant. The blasts rocked the buildings and shattered windows while 450 high school and about 600 grammar school pupils were in their classrooms.

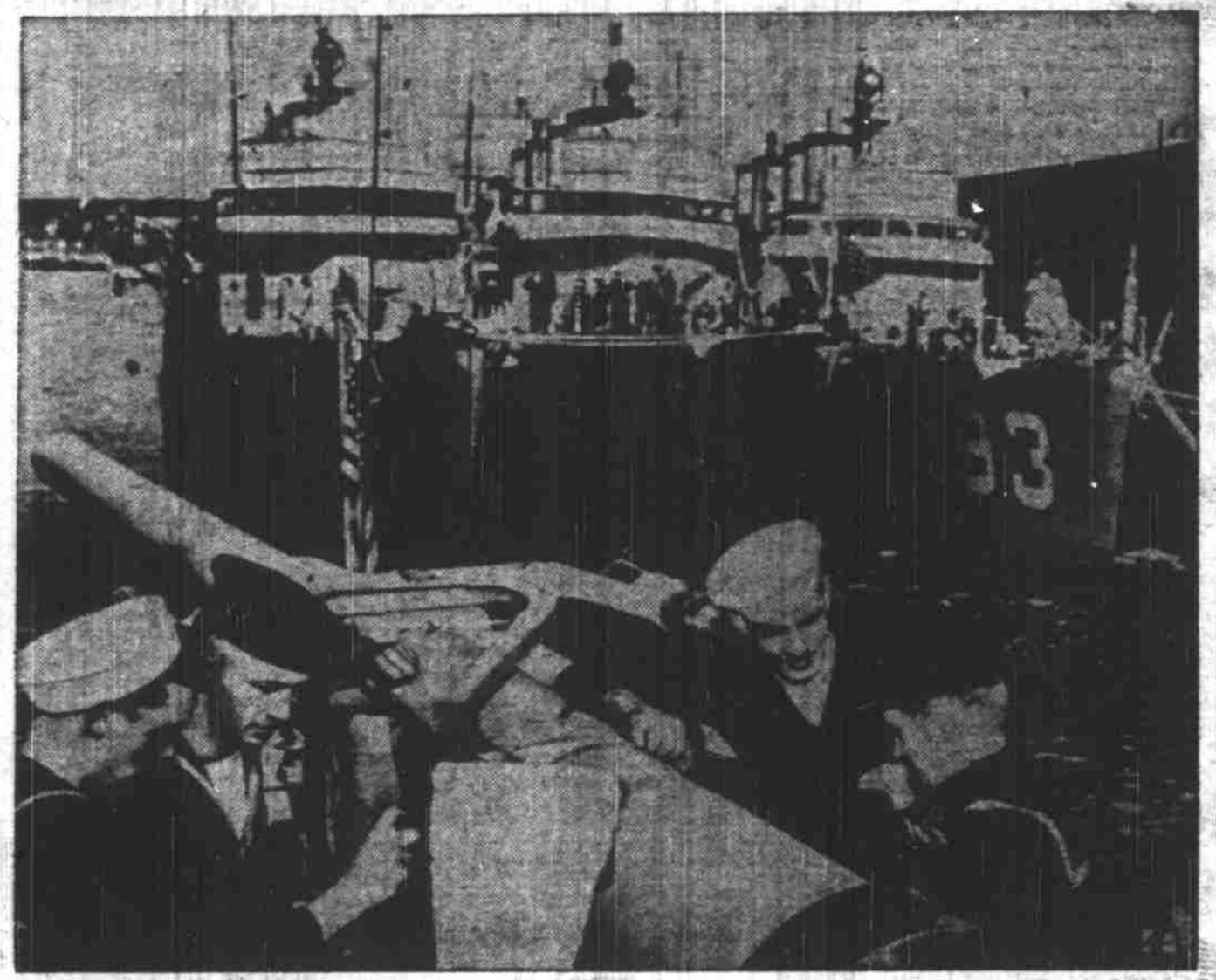
The teachers, after sounding fire alarms, organized the pupils into orderly files and marched them out of the building.

At Washington the Red Cross said tonight that it had a group of field workers at the disaster scene, and that Dr. William De Kleins, its medical director, was there, or en route there from New York.

Willkie Greets McNary



Wendell L. Willkie, republican presidential candidate, giving his running mate, Senator Charles L. McNary of Oregon, a warm handshake at the Indianapolis airport. McNary and Representative Joe Martin had just arrived by air from Washington to confer with Willkie before his departure for a campaign tour of the west.—AP Telemat.



British sailors learn about American guns from Yankee sailors as "over-age" destroyers are delivered to the British.—AP Telemat.

New Trial Sought In E. Fehl's Case

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had he had more time to prepare his case.

In a list of errors in law, Hewitt affirmed that the court denied Fehl the right to show all incidents cited by the state to prove his delusions actually were facts, and that the court reached its decision in the absence of evidence to show that he had resorted to force or violence.

The attorney also claimed Judge Sweek's judgment was based on testimony of psychiatrists, and that it disregarded testimony of lay witnesses and a physician.

Accompanying Hewitt's motion was an affidavit of Elsie A. Fehl, the petitioner's wife, in which most of the arguments of the attorney were repeated more specifically.

When the Portland alienists were called into the case by Judge Sweek, the document stated, the preponderance of evidence favored Fehl, since 21 witnesses had testified in his favor against four for the state.

The affidavit asserted that the petitioner's counsel can now furnish competent witnesses to rebut the testimony of Dr. Hudson and Hutchens, and repeated allegations made during the trial to the effect that Dr. Horace Miller, physician in charge of the receiving ward at the time of Fehl's admission to the hospital in December, 1937, testified that the petitioner was not insane and should be released.

Allegations were also made that the Portland psychiatrists were not impartial in that they were friends of the three examining physicians who made the original certificate on which Fehl's commitment from Jackson county was based, and that Dr. C. A. Loehner, on whose impartiality the court cast doubt in his decision, was in reality impartial, and had merely followed advice on technical grounds during the trial rather than acted as an assistant counsel during the trial as suggested in Judge Sweek's decision.



Assembly line of the Stearman Aircraft company at Wichita, Kas., which hopes to produce a plane every 90 minutes soon. They're rolling out half that fast now.—AP Telemat.

Sydney Laurence, Artist, Predicts Day of His Death

ANCHORAGE, Alaska, Sept. 12.—(P)—Shocked by the death today of Sydney Laurence, friends told of the noted Alaskan artist's strange premonition of the approaching end. He had been in failing health.

Friends said he told them yesterday he would die today. One, who had ordered a painting for Christmas delivery, was advised to get it at once because "tomorrow will be too late." At a barber shop, he said, "I'm going to get prettied up to die," and afterward saluted in the mirror with a hearty, "Goodbye, old boy."

He went home and asked to be taken to the hospital. Attendants said he spent the night comfortably, but collapsed this morning while attempting to get his heart medicine. He remained unconscious until death.

Laurence's paintings of Mount McKinley won him wide fame.

Ports Reopen as Hearing Promised

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the striking AFL union to stop their picketing activities be indefinitely continued.

SAN FRANCISCO, Sept. 12.—(P)—Harry Bridges, president of the CIO International Longshoremen's and Warehousemen's union, said tonight he had asked the national labor relations board to "immediately confirm or deny" that it had "promised a rehearing" to Tacoma AFL longshoremen if they ended a protest walkout.

"We have been officially informed from Washington that the NLRB has no jurisdiction in the matter," Bridges stated, "and that any attempt to upset the certification must be made through court procedure."

Striking longshoremen attempting to question the statement that a rehearing had been promised were bodily ejected from the meeting. Bridges asserted regarding the vote of Tacoma stevedores to resume work.

"It was announced that before returning to work tomorrow all Tacoma longshoremen will be forced to line up and state whether they are CIO or AFL."

Urges Repeal of Tourist Listing

PORTLAND, Sept. 12.—(P)—Louis Moran, executive director of the American Association of Motor Vehicle Directors, urged repeal of Oregon's out-of-state motorists registration law here today.

"Out-of-state registration is just another annoyance for travelers and has outlived its usefulness of providing a check against use of foreign plates by residents," he said.

Portland Men to Testify, Migrants

PORTLAND, Sept. 12.—(P)—Two Portland men will testify at San Francisco Sept. 24 and 25 on interstate migration of destitute families, it was learned here.

The men called to appear before a congressional committee are Walter Duffy, regional farm security director, and E. N. Torbert of the Columbia basin reclamation project.

Violations Charged

Charges of failure to stop were placed last night by city police against Laura Mary Fangle, Sennett hotel, and Calharin Anna Barry, 951 Gaines street.

Willkie Starts Campaign Tour

Presidential Candidate's Western Tour Starts; Leaders in Accord

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ernoon's conference, Willkie gave out a statement at Rushville saying that President Roosevelt "apparently has become disturbed by his own clumsy handling of foreign affairs."

The statement, issued in response to requests for comment on Mr. Roosevelt's radio address last night, said:

"If the American people have any sense of realism of the condition of the world in which they are living they will reject overwhelmingly a president who preaches such class conscious and economic sabotage doctrines as was preached last night."

"The United States can not but fall in the present world struggle under such leadership—it is the same doctrine which Blum (former premier) of France taught."

Today's conference brought from McNary an announcement that he would make five to seven campaign speeches. He would "use my own wisdom," he said, in deciding where and when to make them.

McNary added that he believed republicans in congress, though opposed to adjournment of congress, probably would be outvoted and congress would adjourn "about the 24th of this month."

Factory Seizure Power Broadened

Final Conscription Bill Approval by Tonight Deemed Probable

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to complete the registration of the men affected—all between 21 and 35 inclusive. Further they expected to begin drafting men within a month thereafter.

Yesterday, the conference committee voted that the act should permit the conscription of industries, whose owners refuse to cooperate with them, only after the president had declared a state of "imminent emergency" and "danger" to exist making such action necessary.

Today the language was revised to provide that if an industry refused to supply defense materials, and they were obtainable elsewhere, the industry could be taken over by the government upon a declaration that "the public necessity is immediate and the emergency in the public service is imperative. The owner would be entitled to rental payments."

"The committee felt the language was too extreme, requiring too much of an emergency to enable him to take over plants," Chairman Sheppard (D-Tex) of the senate conferees explained.

Asked whether it was the intention of the committee to amend the new language conform to the existing situation so that the president could act without further heightening of the emergency, Sheppard replied in the affirmative.

Although the submission of the conference report was expected to produce some discussion in both houses, senate leaders were confident that this would not be of a prolonged nature in their branch of congress. Senate leaders pointed to a rule limiting debate on conference reports to one hour.

During the day, John B. Kelly, Philadelphia city democratic chairman, presented to President Roosevelt a tentative plan under which men whose physical condition has grown soft could harden up through organized calisthenics, and walking and hiking under the auspices of such civilian agencies as community centers and clubs.

Kelly called it "physical preparedness." Mr. Roosevelt asked him to go ahead and draft suggestions in detail.

Most of the work of registering, examining and classifying men will be done by organizations in the 48 states. Their work merely will be coordinated in Washington. State military staff officers have long maintained skeleton organizations corresponding to the national committee here.

Many states already have chosen their directors of selective service, subject to appointment by the president. A total of \$500 local boards will classify the registrants. Local lawyers, doctors and business men will serve as advisers, examiners and appeal agents. Neither they nor the local board members will be paid.

Some 700,000 election officials will register the 16,500,000 men. Since the officials normally handle two and a half times that many persons in a general election, no difficulty in conducting a one-day registration is anticipated.

Northwest's Role In Defense Cited

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to the Pacific. If we were to translate the potential annual output of the Columbia river basin in terms of use, we would obtain the fabulous figure of a million kilowatt hours, an amount equal to the output of the entire electric utility industry of the United States in 1939."

The Oregonian said electric power was one of the most important items in national defense industries and that the industries required large blocks of continuous and cheap electric power. He said the huge hydroelectric projects at Bonneville and Grand Coulee in Washington and Oregon could furnish power needed by industries and the territory furnish the old metals and magnesite for production of things necessary to national defense.

Angell said there were immense quantities of raw material available in the northwest which could be utilized through use of power from the huge hydroelectric projects.

Federal Spending To Follow Peace, Wallace Declares

REDWOOD FALLS, Minn., Sept. 12.—(P)—When peace comes to the world there will be need of large federal expenditures by the United States government, Henry A. Wallace declared today, to take up the slack that is bound to occur in employment as men and women are released from defense industries.

This is assuming, he said, that the democrats are in power after November but if republicans are elected he predicted they would bring about the same collapse that occurred in 1921 after the World War No. 1.

The former secretary of agriculture asserted the republicans would cut off federal expenditures with such a jerk that the country would be plunged into a depression much worse than in 1932.

Earlier in the day at nearby Moran, Wallace said he wanted to tell why Henry Ford had come out in support of Wendell Willkie, republican nominee for president.

"Ford is for Willkie," he remarked, "because these rich men who must pay 30 per cent of their second million of income in federal income taxes know the republicans will stop this paying out of federal funds for help for poor farmers and thereby make the burden of taxation less."

Dr. Baxter Still Heads Willamette University as Its 99th Year Begins

With but one year remaining until her centennial celebration, Willamette university will, with "portals open, gather wise ones to its fold" Monday as the class of '44 learns of its chosen.

Dr. Bruce R. Baxter will continue as president until a successor is chosen, in addition to his new duties as Portland area bishop of the Methodist church. The committee of the board of trustees will meet for the first time Monday in its quest for an executive.

The new faculty members have been hired for the year.

Preliminary registration of freshmen has been satisfactory, according to Registrar Walter Erickson. Students are being advised to register for the semester regardless of the conscription bill.

On the program for freshman week are enrollment, chapel programs, examinations and a reception Monday. Physical examinations, registration, class meeting and separate parties for men and women will occupy Tuesday. Assemblies in the morning and a musical program at night, new this year, will occur Wednesday. Students other than freshmen will register for classes Wednesday.

Electric Storms Continue in NW

Two Men at McChord Field Injured; Sound Region Has Odd Weather

(By The Associated Press)

An electrical storm thundered through the Puget sound area for the sixth consecutive day Thursday, striking two men at McChord field, near Tacoma, one of them possibly fatally.

The Seattle weather bureau reported the six-day run was unprecedented, predicted a continuation of the lightning conditions Friday.

George Harris of Seattle, one of the men struck by lightning at McChord field, was reported near death at the field hospital last night. Attendants said he was periodically unconscious, suffering from burns and extreme shock. Gene H. Savage, Tacoma, escaped with foot burns.

Electrical services were interrupted throughout most parts of the Puget sound region. Hundreds of lightning strikes were reported on the Olympic Peninsula and numerous small forest fires were started. Striking like bombers, lightning tore two holes in the hard-surfaced runway of the new airport at Everett. A cow was killed nearby.

Twilight prevailed at noon. Several Tacoma suburbs were without power most of the day and two radio stations were silent two hours. A spectacular lightning strike on the towering Tacoma smelter stack danced to the ground on its lightning rod.

Gurino Confesses Contract Slaying Of Three Persons

NEW YORK, Sept. 12.—(P)—Hysterically afraid his number was up on gangland's list of the doomed, Vito "Socks" Gurino, a short, fat, hoodlum who kept his trigger finger in trim by shooting the heads off chickens, was quoted by District Attorney William O'Dwyer as admitting today the contract slaying of three men for Brooklyn's murder syndicate.

The 32-year-old hoodlum had run into a Roman Catholic church on the lower east side last night, screaming for protection. He was turned over to police and then to O'Dwyer, who said late today that Gurino admitted the pistol slaying of Frank Siciliano, Caesar Lattaro and a man known as "John the Polish." O'Dwyer said Gurino also had killed at least three others.

Soldier 28 Years Ago, Tries Again

PORTLAND, Sept. 12.—(P)—Sam J. Latham of Keraville figured today that he would "make some company a darned fine clerk" even though he might not be fit for army field duty.

Latham made his appeal at the 115th field artillery recruiting office where he appeared with an 18-year-old regular army discharge showing he had served 10 years.

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