

Probe Begins in Dow Plant Blast

Midland, Mich., Feb. 17 (AP)—Investigators probed ruins of a wrecked Dow Chemical Co. plant today trying to learn the cause of a blast that killed eight workers yesterday.

Twenty-six others were hurt in the mighty, flaming explosion. Three are in serious condition. Three more workers had been reported missing but they later were accounted for—one among the dead and two in the lists of injured.

Dow officials said the destruction of the company's long building 414 where latex rubber plant represented a loss of more than half a million dollars.

They could give no immediate explanation for the explosion. But several workers guessed it might have been caused by the highly inflammable chemicals used in the latex process.

Last of the dead to be identified was Edward B. Clevenger, 42, of Shepherd. Others who lost their lives were H. S. Hawkins, 31, of Gladwin, and six Midland men—R. A. Missila, 45, George Riegler, Jr., 30, David Brubaker, 38; Henry Miller, 41; Floyd Schreiber, 27; and Merle Maybe, 29.

Charge Vogeler Famed by Reds

Washington, Feb. 17 (AP)—The state department charged today that the communist Hungarian government decided in advance of the trial to convict Robert Vogeler of spying and sabotage.

The department said that 10 days before the trial opened in Budapest, the Hungarian deputy prime minister, Matyas Rakosi "asserted the guilt of Mr. Vogeler" in a public speech.

A formal statement by the department also raised the question of whether Vogeler, an American Communications company representative, has been "subjected to coercion by intimidation, lack of food, drugging or other forms of mistreatment" since his arrest last November.

The Hungarian government has said that Vogeler "confessed" to spying.

At the trial, which opened today, the Hungarian court skippied over Vogeler. But his British assistant, Edgar Sanders, testified that he was guilty of seeking out information on Hungary's military, economic and political situation and passed it on to his superiors. Two Hungarians also confessed to spying for the west.

Of Vogeler's reported "confession," the state department said the validity of such confessions should be judged in connection with the circumstances under which they are obtained.

Before storing cheese in the refrigerator wrap tightly in waxed paper or aluminum foil and then place in a covered container.

Explosion Scene—This aerial view of the Dow Chemical Co. plant at Midland, Mich., taken soon after an explosion ripped apart the 100 by 400-foot building in which Dow processed rubber base paint.

Truman Grills Democrats At \$100-a-Plate Banquet

Washington, Feb. 17 (AP)—The democrats came up today with their battle theme for 1950: The republicans are selfish political hypocrites who think more of their pocketbooks than of the nation.

It was their answer to GOP charges of "socialism"—a tag the democrats hope to shake off before entering the crucial stages of this year's congressional elections.

President Truman, Vice President Alben W. Barkley and Speaker Sam Rayburn unveiled the theme last night in using ridicule, sarcasm and invective against the republicans at a gigantic Jefferson-Jackson day dinner here.

More than 5,300 democrats contributed \$100 each to the party to eat filet mignon and drink American burgundy with the cabinet and just about every big name in the administration.

The mammoth party was held at the National Guard armory, with the food and drink trucked by long distance from two downtown hotels.

Truman was naturally the main attraction. He called the republicans everything from ink-squirting "scuttifish" to "advocates of false economy" and merchants of "scare words."

The president scornfully rejected republican arguments as "the same old moth-eaten scarecrow of 'socialism'... an insult to the intelligence of the American people."

Barkley said the GOP hadn't come up with a new idea in nearly 80 years.

Rayburn said business, labor and agriculture never had it so good as under the democrats. The democratic diners whooped and banged their water glasses in approval.

The president ridiculed the GOP's new party platform and its charges that the democratic program is "socialistic."

"It's the same old story—the same old words and the same old music—the same empty and futile attempt to scare the American people—in complete contradiction of the plain facts that are visible to every citizen in his daily life to see," he boomed.

"And we're not going to let them get away with it—don't worry about that."

The program, proposed by Mr. Truman as a point in his inaugural message a year ago, would provide U. S. technical assistance to needy nations—largely in Latin America and the middle and far east—for development of their economies.

Stock Advance Led by Railroads

New York, Feb. 17 (AP)—Railroad issues pounded ahead of a rising stock market today. Gains of fractions to a top of around two points were scored by many of the market's leaders.

Steel, automobile and airline stocks were particularly favored. Business expanded for a while as prices rose but activity slowed somewhat in the afternoon.

Turnover hit a rate of about 1,800,000 shares for the full session. Up around one to two points were Santa Fe, Union Pacific, Southern Pacific, Northern Pacific, Bethlehem Steel, General Motors, and Chrysler.

Irregular price changes marked the railway group in the bond market. U. S. governments in the long-range maturities slipped a trifle here and there in over-the-counter dealings.

STOCKS

Table listing various stocks and their prices, including American Can, Am. Lumber, and various utility stocks.

SALEM MARKETS

Table listing market prices for various commodities like wheat, corn, and livestock in Salem.

Burglar Alarm Scares Away Jewelry Thieves

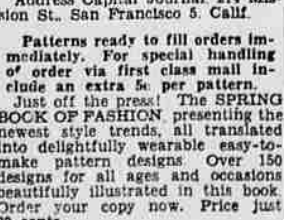
Eugene, Feb. 17 (AP)—A screaming burglar alarm apparently scared away would-be thieves who attempted a daring 6 a. m. Friday jewelry theft.

Just at dawn the thugs threw a newspaper wrapped rock through the display window of Laraway's jewelry store, only a block from the police station.

The window was shattered and watches and rings were there for the grabbing.

But the stone had also set off the loud alarm that was heard for several blocks and the burglar fled. A cab driver was the first to alert the police.

Patrol cars which cruised the area minutes after the attempt were unable to locate any suspects.



MARKET QUOTATIONS

Table listing market quotations for various commodities like live hogs, calves, and sheep.

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School Consolidation Before Budget Board

Proposed consolidation of the Mehama school with the Stayton district is scheduled for discussion at the March 6 meeting of the budget board.

Ira Kirsch is chairman of the Mehama board with other members Russell Wilson and Harry Monroe.

Under present plans children of the first two grades would continue attending at Mehama with the remaining being sent to Stayton.

Pupils of the upper three grades are now attending school at Stayton but the present Mehama school building is regarded as too crowded for best results.

DEATHS

John William Johnson, former resident of Salem, at his home at Cutler City, Oregon, Feb. 15, at the age of 77 years.

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Trinity Lutheran Officers Elected

Sheridan—At a recent meeting of the voting membership of Trinity Lutheran church the officers elected for the coming year were: President, Herman Schatz;

treasurer, Roy Martin; secretary, Pastor George Mathiasen; Elders, E. A. Brandt, W. Piller and J. Gutbrod Sr.; trustees, G. Krundick, A. Williams and H. Flatau; finance committee, A. Brinker, J. Gutbrod Jr., and R. Martin.

Bill Brandt, son of Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Brandt, Sheridan farmers, is one of six young men pictured in the current issue of American Magazine in the feature section, "Interesting People."

It is one of the young men giving a year's service to the Lutheran church for the construction of new churches.

LEGAL

NOTICE OF VACATION OF ALLEY... Notice is hereby given that the Commission of the City of Salem, Oregon, has declared its intention to vacate and has initiated proceedings to vacate the following alley, to-wit:

Alley through block 3 of the City of Salem, Oregon, described as follows: 16 1/2 feet of the south side of lot 2 and 7 feet of the north side of lot 3.

That said proceedings were initiated by said Commission on the 13th day of February, 1950.

That a public hearing will be had in connection with said proceedings, for the purpose of hearing and considering all objections and remonstrances to said proceedings, that said hearing will be held at the chambers of the City Council in the City Hall in Salem, Oregon, on the 27th day of March, 1950, at the hour of 8:00 o'clock P. M. thereof.

That the owners of any real property affected by said proceedings may be heard at said time, and that the real property affected thereby shall be deemed to be the land lying on either side of the alley or portions thereof extending laterally to the next street that serves as a parallel street, but in any case not to exceed 200 feet, and the land for a like lateral distance on the other side of the street for 400 feet along its course beyond each terminus of the part proposed to be vacated.

By ORDER OF THE COMMON COUNCIL, February 13, 1950. ALFRED MUNDT, Recorder of the City of Salem. Dates of Publication—Feb. 17, 24, March 3, 10, 17, 1950.

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Sydney Greenstreet, Spencer Tracy and James Stewart plot a dangerous mission in this scene from "Malaya." M-G-M's romantic adventure drama at the Elsinore Theatre. Also starring in the new offering are Valentina Cortese, glamorous Italian actress, John Hodiak and Lionel Barrymore.