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102 MINERS DIE IN EXPLOSION

NATRON CUTOFF ASSURED SAYS S. P. OFFICIAL

Telegram From J. M. Scott By Local Agent Says Work Starts Soon

MERGER CASE WILL NOT BE APPEALED

Construction Estimated To Cost Fifteen Million Of Dollars And Will Cover Distance Of 118 Miles When Completed.

A telegram received here late yesterday by G. N. Kramer, local Southern Pacific agent from J. M. Scott, General Passenger Agent at Portland, was to the effect that the work on the Natron Cutoff which has been considered by the Southern Pacific company for some time, is to start immediately, as information has been received from Washington, D. C., that Attorney-General Daugherty will not appeal the merger case of the Southern and Central Pacific companies.

Authority Asked

The telegram follows: Agent, Ashland:

"It is proper that you should know that we expect the interstate commerce commission will now grant for the Natron Cutoff a certificate of Public Convenience and which is necessary and for which we made application in anticipation of this favorable decision and we are also taking steps to get the necessary authority to go through the Indian lands.

Engineer Working

Chief engineer Bockhe has gone to work preparing papers for bids to submit to contractors so that the actual physical work may begin. Survey parties have been in the field for several weeks past as has already been told you. All of this means that there will be no delay in proceeding with the work and after winter weather shall force us to stop, the shut down at such time will be only until next spring weather permits us to resume it. We wish the people of Oregon to know that the company appreciates their confidence and we desire to continue to prove worthy."

Work Start at Once

KLAMATH FALLS, Aug. 15.—"Instructions have been given to start work on the Natron Cutoff at once."

This was the statement of Julius Kruttschnitt, chairman of the Southern Pacific board, in a telegram to the chamber of commerce here this morning in response to a query following press reports yesterday that Attorney General Daugherty would not file an appeal in the Southern Pacific-Central Pacific merger case. A similar message from the San Francisco office of the Southern Pacific that the Southern Pacific "will fulfill whatever pledges it has made," and that a new station was under consideration with the building of the Natron Cutoff.

Survey Under Way

An engineering crew has been established at Kirk, the end of the Klamath Falls-Weed branch, for some weeks, laying out the work for construction crews. Tentative arrangements have been made for delivery of local material and with local contractors, it has become known here, with view to commencement of construction immediately.

Will Work in Winter

Southern Pacific officials have stated that it was planned to complete as much work as possible between Kirk and the Cascades and Oak Ridge and the Cascades before winter, and to push tunnel and rock work during the winter.

Commencement of this work will mark a new era of development for the Klamath Falls territory, and one awaited since the death of E. H. Harriman brought an abrupt end to railroad development here.

Sproule Makes Statement

SAN FRANCISCO, Aug. 15.—As a result of the government's

ROY PARR NEW GAME WARDEN

Deer Season This Year To Be From August 20 To September 31.

Roy Parr of Ashland was appointed to succeed Patrick Daily of Medford as District Game Warden at a meeting of the State game Commission which was held in Portland Monday evening.

Daily recently resigned to accept the position of Principal of the Prospect Union High school, and since that time several men have made applications for the office.

Mr. Parr was the successful applicant and will take up his new duties immediately as the latest information from the office of the State Game Warden, A. E. Burghdoff of Salem is to the effect that the Deer Season this year will open on August 20 and will not close till October 31.

Parr is a well known local man and had the almost unanimous endorsement of the sportsmen of the county in his application for the position which he was granted by the State Commission.

St. Helens—Work on Masonic home progressing.

Late Bulletins

PORTLAND, Aug. 15.—D. W. C. Yarbrough, Imperial Basha, and member of Aladdin Temple of Birmingham, Ala., will head Dookies next year succeeding Gus Meese, named at last session.

SALT LAKE CITY, Aug. 15.—

Desolation looms along the national highway between Salt Lake and Ogden and Willard as the result of a cloudburst and floods, which cost the lives of eight and a property damage totalling a million dollars. Most of the dead were campers in Farmington canyon. When the cloud bursts fell a thirty foot wall, swept the canyon bringing with it thousands of tons of rocks ranging in size from small stones to boulders, the size of small houses. The bodies of the dead were found strewn at the mouth of the canyon to the highway a mile and a half below. The rescuers searching in the debris making an effort to find the bodies of scores of others missing and unaccounted for the belief is expressed that it will be many days before the bodies of the missing will be found and some probably never.

Grants Pass—With men now at work on road over Oregon mountain on Grants Pass-Crescent City highway, terrors of this section will soon go.

U. S. AVIATORS TO EXPLORE HAWAII

HONOLULU, Aug. 15.—United States birdmen attached to Army Flying Headquarters at Luke Field here are about to launch an aerial expedition which is expected to solve the mysteries of Kauai, the mighty rock which rears its head hundreds of feet above the Pacific some 50 miles south and west of Kauai and Nihaui, of the Hawaiian group.

Plans for the experiment—which will be in the nature of a photographic mission carried out by Loening air yachts, with their base on Kauai, the "Garden Island"—were announced by army authorities recently.

Kauai, a rock of tremendous bulk, lifts a sheer series of cliffs on one side, while on the other an extremely heavy surf rolls in. It is said that but one living being has ever been able to effect a landing on the rock. A Hawaiian fisherman, according to the story, paddled with friends in an outrigger canoe to near the rock, leaped into a huge breaker and body-surfed ashore. How he left the tiny island is not told.

The object of the Air Service expedition will be to photograph the island from all angles in an endeavor to find, from the resulting pictures, a landing spot.

Three air officers visited Kauai and selected suitable bases for both land and sea craft.

ASSOCIATION BUSINESS HAS LARGE GROWTH

August Will Probably Be Big Month Manger Robbins Says

REPORT HEAVY TRADE WITH LOGGING CAMPS

Increase Of 60% Reported Over Corresponding Time Of Last Season. Demand For Ashland Produce Is Growing Rapidly.

An increase of approximately 60 per cent in the total business done for the month of July of this year over the amount of business done last year in July was the main point in the report of Manager J. H. Robbins of the Ashland Fruit & Produce Association made to the Board of Directors who held their usual monthly meeting last night.

Large Increase

The two main products or items which are Association handles in their business are the items of Eggs, and Fruit and Vegetables and both of these products showed a substantial increase ranging from between 50 and 60 per cent over that of a corresponding time for last year.

June Good Month

The increase in business for this month was not nearly as large as that which the Manager reported last period, as for the month of June this year he reported a 92 per cent increase in business over the month of June last year.

The total amount received by the Association for Fruit and Vegetables handled during the month of July this year ran up to the nice sum of \$13,686 as against the sum of \$8,730 for July of last year thus proving that Ashland products are certainly in demand.

Demand Increasing

The demand for the "Famous Ashland Foothill Products" which is the trade name Mr. Robbins picked for his produce, is much larger than the supply in many cases he reports, but he has been able to keep the two fairly well balanced so far.

The month of August, according to Mr. Robbins is very promising as he expects a very heavy crop of Peaches, Pears and early apples. The local Peaches especially enjoy a very ready market he reports as they are prized in both Portland and San Francisco because of their wonderful flavor and size.

Pears Being Shipped

The first carload of pears was shipped by the company last Saturday and a second car load is being prepared for shipment this Saturday if it is possible to get the desired amount, Mr. Robbins reports. These are the first car load lots of fruit which the Association has sent out this season.

Have Big Truck Business

The big business of the Association is not done on the railroad Mr. Robbins says, but is by truck service to the lumber camps and lumber mills of Northern California and the Southern Oregon District around Klamath Falls and Hill.

Berry Crop Good

The berry crop this year was handled with very gratifying results Mr. Robbins reports as nearly four times as many crates of strawberries were handled as last year and they also brought a much better price. The prices on the berries ranged from \$1.75 to \$2.04 a crate he reported, the difference being due to the time at which the berries were sold.

Good Month Ahead

With a bumper peach and pear crop coming in this month the Manager believes the August report of the Association will show even more gratifying results to the members of the Association than the reports made so far.

Return Home—

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Hargadine and daughter, Mary Virginia returned to their home in Santa Monica after a visit with friends and relatives in Ashland. While here they made the Crater Lake trip and visited friends at Rogue River.



These two attractive young women have been chosen for unique vocations. Their official capacities are to represent their constituencies at all public affairs of importance in which symbolic representation is appropriate. "Miss Spokane" represents the city of Spokane itself, while "Princess Columbia" stands for the Columbia Basin project. Both have appeared in innumerable public functions recently. "Miss Spokane" formerly was Miss Marguerite Motie, but is now Mrs. Walter Shiel. "Princess Columbia" in everyday life is Miss Elizabeth Thompson daughter of the Mayor of Moscow, Ida.

NINE YEAR OLD LOST FOR HOURS

HOOD RIVER, Aug. 15.—After he had been lost for 15 hours in the rough, wooded country on Tony Creek, where he had accompanied his family on a fishing trip, Blanchard, 9 years old, son of L. M. Baldwin, local banker, was found at daybreak by David Cooper, of Parkdale.

The youngster had wandered 2 1/2 miles from camp, but was not alarmed when he discovered he was lost. At nightfall he constructed a bed of fir boughs beneath a fallen tree, and there he was discovered peacefully sleeping by Mr. Cooper. A posse of 40 men spent the night with torches and lanterns searching the forest breaks.

RED BLUFF PIONEER KILLED IN ACCIDENT

RED BLUFF, Calif., Aug. 15.—Pearl P. Foley, a pioneer of Tehama county and for many years a resident of the Red Bluff district, was killed here last evening in a collision with an auto driven by William S. Long, a young farmer of Antelope Valley.

The fatal accident occurred at the west end of the causeway and near the bridge that spans Sacramento River just east of this city. Reports are not yet quite clear as to the precise manner in which Foley met his death. As a result of the collision the left side of his face and head was terribly bruised. Death probably was instantaneous.

MENNONITES PLAN TO SETTLE RICH VALLEY OF NORTHERN MEXICO SOON

LAREDO, Tex., Aug. 15.—Within a short time 4,000 Mennonites from Canada and South Dakota will pass through Laredo on their way to their new home in a beautiful valley in the southern part of the State of Coahuila, Mexico. Eight representatives, including a bishop, of these Mennonites have but recently returned from this valley, where they bought outright large tracts of land and secured options on others, amounting in all to 1,200,000 acres. Beyond Saltillo, the capital of Coahuila, the main line of the National Railroad traverses a long stretch of desert country which is bounded on the west by a chain of mountains. About midway of this desert there is a railroad water station known as Agua Nueva. Directly west of the water station, on the opposite side of the mountains, there is one of the most beautiful valleys imaginable, traversed by numerous ever-flowing rivers and streams and dotted with many small crystal lakes. The climate of this beautiful valley cannot be excelled anywhere in Mexico nor is it possible to find more productive soil and in which, with the aid of irrigation (not always needed), anything that grows in a tropical country can be grown throughout the year and in the greatest abundance.

The valley has magnificent forests of different varieties of native trees, while at least forty different kinds of fruits can be grown there. The establishment of this new colony from the north will mean much for Mexico in

UNIQUE CAR IS HERE FOR VISIT

Completely Equipped Home On Wheels Stops For Nite At Park

For the second time this summer, the "Wanderer" which is declared to be the most completely equipped camping automobile ever put on the road, is at the Ashland Auto Camp.

The machine, which is owned and driven by Mr. L. R. Starkweather, was in the camp for three days about nine weeks ago, and since then, has been over practically every road between here and Vancouver, B. C.

Mr. and Mrs. Starkweather left their home in Berkeley on April 1, and since then have been making a leisurely tour of the Pacific coast states.

All the accommodations of a Pullman car and of a first class hotel are to be found in the "Palace on Wheels." It is no wider than the average truck, or no longer, yet every needed convenience is to be found. A comfortable bed of the pullman type, electric lights, an ice cooler, running water, a gasoline stove, a phonograph, a clothes closet—practically everything was to be found numbered among its conveniences. When a Tidings representative called, Mrs. Starkweather had just finished baking some pies and cakes on the gasoline stove.

The machine was designed by Mr. Starkweather, who is a retired contractor, and built by the Harry Smith company of Berkeley. It is mounted on a Reo Speed Wagon chassis.

Despite its many conveniences, Mr. Starkweather declared that the car cost only \$2500 to build.

Mr. and Mrs. Starkweather are now on their way to their home in Berkeley, and next year plan a trip to the east by the southern route.

LUMBER RAILROAD SOON TO BE BUILT

BEND, Ore., Aug. 15.—With all surveying completed and right-of-way purchased for the 30 miles of railroad from Crane to Burns, planned by the Fred Herrick lumbering interests, actual construction will begin about September 1, according to word brought to Bend by W. C. Ruegnitz, executive secretary of the Four L organization, here on a tour of the lumbering towns of eastern Oregon.

As soon as the ground is in condition to make it possible next spring, work will be started on the 50 miles of railroad from Burns to Bear valley, where the company's timber is located. In May or June, construction of the all-steel sawmill at Burns, to consist of two band mills and a gang, will be started. The mill and the logging railroad are to be ready for actual lumbering operations by May 1, 1925, Ruegnitz learned from officials of the Herrick company.

AIR CONQUEST OF NORTH IS FAILURE

NOME, Aug. 15.—The dream of the aerial conquest of arctic wastes by airplane were shattered by the disabling of the plane which lies crippled at Wainwright. Captain Ronald Amundsen is on his way back to civilization. The plan was disabled in a trial flight thus forcing the abandonment of the plan.

U. S. MAY RECOGNIZE OREGON GOVERNMENT

WASHINGTON, Aug. 15.—A treaty of amity of commerce has been concluded in Mexico as a final step in negotiations leading to the recognition of the Oregon government, it has been officially learned. Official announcement of recognition may be made by the State Department as soon as the treaty is approved by Secretary Hughes, which will possibly be before the end of the week.

KEMMERER WYOMING COAL MINE BLAST CAUSE OF MANY DEATHS

LARGE AREA BURNED NEAR CITY WATERSHED

A brush fire of undetermined origin broke out just below the lower intake on Ashland creek shortly after noon today and consumed nearly the whole of a hill side before being stopped.

Shortly after twelve o'clock, an alarm was received, and a few minutes later the fire company was on the scene, although picks and shovels rather than water or chemicals were needed to keep the blaze from spreading.

Beside the fire company, a number of citizens and several men under the direction of a fire warden fought the blaze, which was not wholly extinguished until nearly 2:30.

KLAMATH LABORERS TRY TO GET WAGES

SALEM, Ore., Aug. 15.—Leo Novak, official representative of 70 or more laborers who have been unable to collect wages due them for work on the Klamath Falls-Sprague section of the Strahorn railroad, arrived in Salem today and later conferred with C. H. Gram, state labor commissioner, in hope that some means may be provided looking to the payment of the money.

Mr. Novak is without funds and was forced to walk much of the distance from Klamath Falls to Salem. The contractors, from whom the money is due, recently abandoned work on the railroad and have moved their headquarters to Seattle.

Mr. Gram announced today that the bonding company in which the Strahorn interests were protected has signified its intention of paying the laborers. The money will be forthcoming before September 1, Mr. Gram said.

PICKWICK STAGES ARE INVESTIGATED

SALEM, Ore., Aug. 15.—Investigation of the operation of the Pickwick stages in Oregon occupied the attention of the public service commission here today. These stages operated between San Francisco and Seattle, with Oregon headquarters in Portland. Representatives of the stage corporation testified that their carriers were operated on a definite schedule and that the drivers had been instructed repeatedly to comply strictly with traffic regulations while passing through this state.

Other testimony was offered tending to show that drivers of these stages had been arrested for violating the speed laws and that in a few instances the drivers apparently had run their cars in a careless and reckless manner.

BABY CLINIC TO BE HELD ON AUGUST 18

August 18th from 1:15 to 3 p. m., in the Liberty building, the Jackson County Public Health association will hold its second Medford baby clinic of this summer, says the Mail Tribune.

Dr. W. W. P. Holt will examine the babies and Miss Devereaux, county nurse, will be in charge of the clinic. She will be assisted by Miss Teich, home demonstration agent, and two ladies of the County Health association. Babies up to two years old will be eligible, but admission can be by appointment only. The clinic will be limited to 12 babies. Telephone 920 for your appointments.

Since July 15, 73 children have been enrolled in the Jackson County Public Health association clinics and conference showing there are many mothers in the county anxious to have truly healthy children. Pre-school clinics are also scheduled for the latter part of the month in Phoenix and Central Point. A general child conference will be held at Lake Creek, August 15th.

Salem—16,000 business building to be erected on Court street.

Only 35 Of 137. Entombed Miners Are Brought Out Alive

BLACK DAMP GASES BLAMED FOR BLAST

Explosion Occurred Mile Down In Mine Thereby Making Rescue Attempt Extremely Dangerous And Of Small Use.

KEMMERER, Wyoming, Aug. 15.—One hundred and two of the 137 miners who were entombed in the frontier mine of the Kemmerer Coal and Coke company in an explosion yesterday were dead today, with only 35 of the 137 being removed alive.

Explosion Yesterday The explosion took place yesterday at the depth of a mile down in the mine, thus making rescue work practically impossible as the danger was so great to proceed with extreme caution and work their way carefully to guard against further caving in of the mine.

The blast which shook the countryside for miles around is blamed on the black, damp gas of the mine, but it is not a certainty that this was the cause.

91 Bodies Removed

Ninety one bodies of the dead miners were removed this morning while the thirty five men who were still alive were also carried out, one man dying as he was being removed from the mine.

Eleven Remain Yet

It is believed that all the remaining eleven men remaining in the mine are dead, as little hope was held by authorities today that the men would be able to live any longer in the terrible conditions existing at the bottom of the mine.

Volunteer Work

frantically toward the entombed men yesterday the women and children of the community gathered in great numbers around the entrance of the mine waiting patiently for news, and the wives of the men waited throughout the night for news in hopes that the men would be brought out alive.

Car Causes Blast

According to the men who were brought out the direct cause of the explosion was a runaway trip car which caused a dust explosion when it left the rails. The explosion, according to officials of the company, is the first serious accident of its kind to happen in the district for eighteen years.

Eighteen years ago a similar accident took place when 25 men lost their lives as the result of a mine explosion at Diamondville, near here.

LARGE SPACE BEING CLEARED FOR CAMP

98 cars, bearing 476 people, stopped last night at the Ashland Auto Camp, while eight dropped in, but drove out again due to the fact that they wanted more "elbow room" than was afforded by the park.

Under the direction of Park Commissioner Dean, the grounds are being rapidly enlarged, so that in the future no one will have any reason to leave because of crowded conditions.

At the upper end of the park, the brush and small trees are being cut down, stumps sawed off, and ground leveled, so that 25 more cars can be accommodated by the time the work is completed. None of the large shade trees, which contribute much to the beauty and comfort of the park, are being molested, however.