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MINER CRAWLS FROM TOMB IN MINE DEPTHS

Caught in Explosion, Man Crawls to Surface and Freedom

HOPES ARE ELEVATED

However, Rescuers Believe Most Miners Caught in Blast, Are Dead

WILBURTON, Okla., Jan. 14.—(UP)—Two hours after McKinney crawled out, rescue workers found Burl Hollis, negro, alive. He was dragged out and restored to consciousness by the use of a pulmotor.

WILBURTON, Jan. 14.—(UP)—Like one returning from the dead, Cecil McKinney, 25, a white man, who was entombed in the explosion of the Degan-McConnell mine near here yesterday morning, crawled out of the entrance of the mine today.

McKinney, entombed hundreds of feet below the surface, crawled on his hands and knees for 23 hours. During this time he crawled over the body of his dead father, whom he recognized, and came out to the surface, only to learn that his younger brother is still in the mine.

McKinney, beyond being slightly burned from the gas explosion and terribly fatigued from his terrific battle with the sliding earth underground, is little the worse for his trying experience. His appearance on the surface caused a slight rise in the hopes of the rescue squad members that others of the entombed miners might be alive in the mine, although it is certain that most of the trapped men are dead.

Eighty six miners are believed to remain in the mine.

TWO ARE HURT IN BICYCLE ACCIDENT

J. B. Hair, 575 Liberty street, suffered cuts and bruises about the head last night, when a bicycle, ridden by Elliott MacCracken, ran into him, on Liberty street.

The accident occurred when Hair, who was crossing Liberty street, was unable to avoid MacCracken's bicycle. He claims MacCracken was riding without a headlight on his bicycle.

Seven stitches were required to close the cut on Hair's forehead, while MacCracken suffered injuries which required the services of a physician.

POISON LIQUOR DEATHS IN 1925 SHOW 400 INCREASE

NEW YORK, Jan. 14.—(UP)—Poisoned booze and alcoholism took a toll of 1,517 lives during 1925, according to figures received from twenty-five leading cities in the country.

This represents an increase of more than 400 over the figures of last year which were obtained in practically the same cities.

New York leads the list with 479 fatalities, the count for the first eleven months. The toll for 1924 was 513 for the entire year, and adds credence to the statements of surgeons attached to the Bellevue hospital here that fewer cases of poisoned booze victims are being handled there because of the better grade of liquor being sold.

Next on the list is Chicago with 243 victims of alcoholism, most of which were attributed to poison booze. Last year the mid-west Metropolis turned in a count of 152.

Pittsburg was third in line with 140 deaths with Detroit running a close fifth with 137 casualties as compared with 103 in 1924.

Red Grange And Miama "Made" By Newspapers

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PORTLAND, Ore., Jan. 14.—Delegates to the joint convention of Pacific Coast Ice Cream Manufacturers Association and the California and Southwestern States Association spent this morning visiting a dairy products plant in operation.

A. A. Comep of Los Angeles, speaking late yesterday, emphasized the importance of newspapers in advertising.

"Newspaper publicity made 'Red' Grange the most talked of man in America overnight, and made him worth in less than two months time \$1,000,000," said Mr. Comep.

"Newspaper advertising made Miami, Fla., practically overnight."

REIMER SAYS SOIL NEEDING BASIC ELEMENT

Nitrogen Element Needed by Soil of Ashland District

The chief element needed by the Ashland district soil to make it wonderfully productive, is nitrogen, according to F. C. Reimer, superintendent of the Southern Oregon branch station of the Oregon Agricultural College Experiment Division.

Reimer, in a letter to C. J. Brommer, manager of the Ashland Fruit and Produce association, urges the use of nitrogen fixing plants and of chemicals which will furnish the soil with this element.

A portion of Reimer's letter follows: "In reply to your recent letter I wish to state that nitrogen is the chief element that should be supplied in fertilizers for fruits and vegetables on the Ashland soils. This fertilizer has given us very fine results on the light soils in this territory. The fertilizers which supply this are either sulphate of ammonia, nitrate of soda, or sheep guano. I do not believe that you need any other fertilizer for the gardens and small fruits in that territory, with the exception of a few of the vegetables which require large quantities of sulfur."

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First Pictures in Osage Murder Mystery



Here are the principals in the mysterious train of murder cases that have terrorized the Osage Indian tribe in Oklahoma. At the left is Mrs. John Kenny, white wife of a full-blooded Indian, whose shooting of Fred Tillman, Indian attorney, two months ago started the investigation. She was freed when she claimed he had hypnotized her—a proceeding, she said, that the murder ring adopted on all of its victims. In the center is her husband, John Kenny, whom she is seeking to divorce on the charge that the ring is turning him against her, and right is Harry Donaldson, foreman of the federal grand jury that is investigating.

BOOTLEGGER IS TAKEN BY PROH SLUETHS

John Bennett Captured After Race Along Pacific Highway

One of the largest hauls of illicit liquor ever taken in Jackson county was made last night when local officers captured John Bennett, alleged rum runner, who claims Weed as his home, and confiscated 55 gallons of moonshine and a Cadillac automobile. The arrest was made near the junction of the Ashland-Klamath Falls and Pacific highways.

It is claimed by officers that Bennett has been making regular trips from Northern California into this state, and, although several traps have been laid for him, he has always succeeded in escaping. However, last night, although he attempted to escape by making a race out of the arrest, the officers succeeded in overtaking him and crowding his automobile into a bank.

Bennett was taken before United States Commissioner Chauncey Flory, in Medford this morning for a hearing, and was then taken to the county jail at Jacksonville. Bail will probably be set later, and he will await trial at the next session of the federal court at Medford.

Included in the liquor taken were four ten gallon kegs and one fifteen gallon keg. Officers declare, after an analysis of the liquor, that it was a high grade of moonshine.

Hijackers Pay Penalty For Two Murders

VANCOUVER, B. C., Jan. 14.—(UP)—Owen "Cannonball" Baker and Harry Sowash, hi-jackers and murderers, went to the gallows this morning, to answer for the murder of Captain Charles Gillis and his son, of the launch Beryl G.

Before dawn turned into day, they were led to the gallows at the Okalla jail here and hanged. Gillis and his son, 17, were slain by hi-jackers off Turn Point on Pender Island. Their boat was found later, floating about, bloodstained, riddled with bullets and deserted.

Charles Norris, a third man found guilty of the murder, escaped the death penalty. His sentence was commuted to life imprisonment.

Klamath County votes special \$75,000 school bonds, by 5-to-1 majority.

Jingle Bells, Jingle Bells, Not to Jingle Any More

HAYWARD, Cal., Jan. 14.—Feminine garters adorned with tiny bells, latest fashion from gay Paris, will jingle no more in classrooms of the Hayward Union High School.

At a recent meeting of the local Associated Students the fashion was branded as "silly and unlovely" by Miss Bernice Flores, president, and the girls decided to eliminate the bells by a majority vote.

SNOW FALLS IN HILLS NEAR WATER HEAD

Heavy Fall at Head of Ashland Creek is Reported

Farmers of the Ashland district were made glad this morning when a light rain started falling, breaking the cold spell which has continued for almost three weeks.

The precipitation here, although it was light, will aid materially in adding moisture to the land, and also in clearing away the fog.

In the higher altitudes, snow has been falling for several hours, reports say. At the head of Ashland Creek, and on Mount Ashland, much snow was to be seen this morning.

On the other hills surrounding this city, a light fall of snow has been reported.

EPISCOPAL CHURCH HOLDS PARISH MEET

The annual parish meeting of Trinity Episcopal church was held at the Parish House on Wednesday evening, preceded by a covered dish dinner. Immediate after the dinner the Vicar, the Rev. P. K. Hammond, called for a report from the church Treasurer, C. E. Hedberg, which showed a satisfactory financial condition. Trinity Guild and the Auxiliary to the Guild also reported a good year. Officers for 1926 were then nominated and elected. They are Senior Warden, Samuel Peniston; Junior Warden, George W. Loosley; Treasurer, C. E. Hedberg; Clerk, J. R. Edwards. The other members of the Vestry are: William M. Briggs, Frank Simpkins, Karl P. Nims, Frank Dean and Don Whitney. The rest of the evening was spent in social festivities.

SHORTAGE OF WATER FACES WHOLE VALLEY

Small Rainfall Total and Lack of Snow Alarms Farmers

GRANTS PASS, Jan. 14.—Unless there is a big change in the weather in the next few months the Rogue valley may be faced by another summer "as dry" as that of 1924, when the Rogue went to the lowest level in the memory of old residents. With an average of 29.29 inches over a period of 29 years, the rainfall in 1925 fell below the normal precipitation by 5.97 inches while in 1924 the rainfall was 12.37 inches under this mark.

This winter has been as dry as the one preceding the abnormal year of 1924, with the little rain which has fallen being absorbed as fast as it fell. The situation is regarded as serious to the mining industry at the present time, some having been forced to shut down. A lack of rain will also be felt seriously by farm lands outside the irrigated districts.

January, usually the month of heaviest precipitation, has seen exceptionally little rain, only .09 inch having been recorded. In January, 1920, the driest on record, there was .64 inch. The 29 year average is approximately five inches. With several weeks to go yet this month, however, there is still opportunity for a large addition to the present total.

There has been no snowfall to the coast mountains this winter snow being found only in drifts and small patches. At Bolon lake the forest service has been informed that there is now only one foot and at Crater Lake there is only about four feet. At this time of year, the mountains at Bolon are usually covered to a depth of about six feet and at Crater Lake to a depth of about 12 to 15 feet. It is this lack of snow for storage in the mountains which is causing especial concern, as the snow is depended upon to supply the water in the Rogue and its tributaries for irrigation and mining purposes.

CAR MINUS BRAKES, DRIVER PAYS \$10

Y. Puente of Sacramento, arrested yesterday morning by State Traffic Officer C. P. Talen, plead guilty to a charge of operating an automobile without brakes, and was fined \$10 and costs by Justice of the Peace L. A. Roberts here.

SENATE CALLS MCCAMANT TO WASHINGTON

Portland Candidate for U. S. Judge Office to Testify

JOHNSON FIGHTING

Senate Irreconcilables Fight World Court on Basis of Civil War Debts

WASHINGTON, Jan. 14.—(UP)—The Senate Judiciary committee has summoned Wallace McCamant of Portland to appear in his defense of his nomination by President Coolidge as circuit judge of the Portland federal district.

McCamant has informed friends here that he is on his way East to testify before the committee.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 14.—(UP)—Irreconcilables in the upper house of Congress, stirred the Senate to a heated debate today when they asserted that the World Court might force the southern states to pay some three hundred million dollars of repudiated confederate Civil War debts to British bond holders.

Senator Jim Reed, Democrat of Missouri, declared that he could prove that the court could assume jurisdiction over the repudiated confederate, and the reconstruction bonds, and order the southern states to pay.

AVIATORS KILLED WHEN PLANE FALLS

SAN DIEGO, Jan. 14.—(UP)—Two naval aviators were killed here today when the wings of their plane collapsed and the craft fell into the bay. The dead are Lieutenant Frederick Kahn and Seaman Burk L. Law. Witnesses said the plane was doing a stunt when the wings collapsed and the ship plunged into the bay.

NATIONALIZATION OF ENG. MINERS WANTED

LONDON, Jan. 14.—(UP)—The nationalization of the British coal mines was proposed today, in a gigantic scheme, submitted by the Miners Federation to the national committee, investigating the mining industry.

GALVESTON PIERS SAID DESTROYED

HOUSTON, Jan. 14.—(UP)—Damage estimated at nearly a million dollars was caused early today when fire destroyed four piers at Galveston.

Bar Association to Hold Meet Next Saturday

Members of the Jackson County Bar Association will meet at the Medford Hotel in Medford at 8:30 Saturday evening, according to an announcement made here this morning.

A splendid program has been arranged for the meeting by the committee. It will include talks from Judge Evans of Portland, E. E. Kelly of Medford, and members of the Josephine County Bar. A report of the library committee will also be given.

An opportunity for open discussion will be made, at which time it is hoped that each attorney will present a matter of practice or law upon which there is a divergence of practice of ideas among the members of the bar. A revised minimum schedule of fees will be also presented.

Members of the bar of Jackson, Josephine and Klamath counties are especially invited.

THE WEATHER

Oregon and Washington — Rain in the west portion, with snow in the East. Southerly winds, with probably gales along the coast.

Heads P...



Edwin Brown, special U. S. attorney has been sent from Washington to Guthrie, Okla., to investigate the mysterious chain of murders among the Osage Indians there. He has fifty operatives helping him.

SISKIYOU ARE IN FINE SHAPE SAY VISITORS

Party From Ashland Makes Inspection Trip to Summit

Wednesday a party of Ashland men, including a representative from The Daily Tidings, drove to the summit of Siskiyou mountain to investigate whether the reports that the highway over the summit is dangerous are true or not.

At Steinman Loop on the highway the driver of the automobile stopped suddenly and pointed to a bush growing alongside the railroad right of way near the bridge. It was a pussy willow bush in bloom. Many of the buds on the bush were fully developed, indicating that it had started blooming two or more weeks ago.

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PLANS BEING MADE FOR NEW LAND SETTLEMENT PROGRAM

PORTLAND, Jan. 14.—Plans for the 1926 land settlement program of the Portland chamber of commerce, affiliated with the Oregon State chamber of commerce are being discussed throughout the state with the various country chambers of commerce in an effort to concentrate the work in a state wide cooperative organization.

Arthur Foster, manager of the Portland Land Settlement Department, stated this week an itinerary which will take in a personal visit to the local chambers for preliminary organization. Later, members of the Land Settlement Committee will meet the program with joint meetings of assistance and encouragement.

On Monday Foster attended a filbert meeting at the Salem chamber of commerce, the object of which meeting was to create a rural chamber of commerce in Marion county to be affiliated with the Salem chamber. While in the capital Foster discussed the land settlement program with the State Treasurer Thomas Kay and members of the state land board.

Tuesday Foster visited the chambers of commerce at New-

TAX RATE FOR ASHLAND SET AT 64.9 MILLS

Increase of 4.7 Mills Over Last Year Shown in New Rate

RATE OVER 6 PER CENT

Assessed Valuation of Property Within City Limits Set by Assessor at \$2,786,188.92

Ashland's assessed valuation for 1925, upon which the taxes for 1925, which are payable this year, were based, is \$2,786,188.92 according to figures compiled yesterday by the county assessor. This total shows a slight increase over the assessed valuation for 1924, upon which last year's taxes were based. The 1924 valuation was set at \$2,722,816.27, \$63,372.65 less than the valuation for 1925.

This assessed valuation is approximately two thirds the valuation of the property in the city.

The city taxes for the year show an increase of three mills, the assessor announced. The rate for the city in 1924 was 19.8 mills, while the rate, upon which the 1925 taxes will be based has been set at 22.8 mills.

County and city tax rates, making the total levy for the city, show an increase of 4.7 mills, the figures show. The figures upon which the taxes paid last year were based were 60.2 mills, while the rate for the 1925 taxes, which are payable this year, has been set at 64.9 mills. This mark indicates the total levy to be assessed against the assessed valuation of the property within the city limits.

The rate of 64.9 mills is almost six and one half per cent, one of the highest tax rates for any city in Oregon.

BAD CHECK ARTIST LOCATED IN SOUTH

H. E. Poe, wanted here for passing a worthless check on the Citizens Bank, has recently endeavored to cash checks drawn on a local bank, in Richmond, California, according to word received here today.

Poe, who was formerly a resident of Prineville, cashed a check drawn on a Prineville bank, securing the endorsement of a local man. The check was for \$150. The authorities at Richmond have been instructed to arrest and hold Poe.