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10 KILLED IN BIG BLAST OF IRON FURNACE

Sixteen Others Seriously Injured in Birmingham Tragedy Today

INVESTIGATING CAUSE

Brooklyn Explosion Causes Big Fire But Nobody Killed, Is Report

BIRMINGHAM, Ala., Mar. 20.—(U.P.)—Ten men were killed and 16 others seriously injured today in a blast furnace explosion at the Woodward iron company plant near here, five of the dead are whites and five negroes. The furnace was in operation when the explosion occurred. The top of the stack was blown off and the flaming coke and molten iron were flung about the furnace. The cause of the explosion is not known but an investigation has been started.

BROOKLYN, N. Y., March 20.—(U.P.)—A terrific explosion occurred in a two-story frame building adjoining a gas storage tank here today. The building burst into flames. Flames from the outlet pipe caught fire and a thin streak of flame shot into the air. No trace of any victims was found so it was thought no one was killed. The explosion was caused by a bursting boiler.

ASTORIA STUDENTS ESTABLISH SOVIET

Fourteen - Year - Old Boy Admits He Has Organized Communists

ASTORIA, Ore., March 20.—(U.P.)—The Young Workers League is a communistic organization of Astoria school boys to propagate the principles of soviet Russia, according to Paul Siro, aged 14, deposed president of the student body of the local high school. Siro admitted existence of the league but declined to disclose the names of members. Siro also said that sympathetic parents found it necessary to send their children to radical schools during the summer to overcome the American fundamentals learned at the public schools.

MORE PEOPLE SEEK LIQUOR LAW CHANGE

Those Favoring Repeal or Modification Lead The Prohi's Five to One

NEW YORK CITY, March 20.—(U.P.)—A majority of the newspaper polls on prohibition closed today and those voting for modification or repeal of the Volstead act seemed assured of a five-to-one lead. Some papers, however, are continuing the poll and it may be weeks before all returns are in. Grand totals today were: for modification or repeal, 2,519,958; for present law, 495,004.

Chapman Can Ask Friends To Watch Him Being Hanged

HARTFORD, Conn., March 20.—(U.P.)—When Gerald Chapman, notorious mail bandit, dies on the gallows here on the morning of April 6th, three of his friends can witness his tragic leave-taking if they wish. Under the Connecticut law condemned men are allowed three invitations to their own executions which they are permitted to give to whoever they desire.

Chapman has not yet indicated his choices. Bidding is spirited for invitations to the Chapman hanging.

Upheaval Planned For Seattle When New Mayor Starts

SEATTLE, Wash., Mar. 20.—(U.P.)—A civil upheaval is predicted for Seattle early in June when Mrs. Bertha Landes, the new mayor, takes over the reins now held by Mayor Brown. Mrs. Landes has already taken the oath of office and filed her bond and is now mapping out her course of action. Changes, it is predicted, will be swift and sweeping in the police department. Seattle residents still remember her official acts while acting mayor a couple of years ago during the absence of Mayor Brown in the east. At that time she suspended policemen right and left, and it is expected she will discharge a large group of Seattle's officers.

RECRUITING OFFICERS RETURN TO ASHLAND

Boys Who Want to Join the U. S. Navy Are Given Another Opportunity

So successful were they before when here a few weeks ago that recruiting officers for the United States navy have come to Ashland again to recruit young men for the navy. J. N. Cochran and G. A. Johnson of the navy arrived here this morning and will be at the Ashland hotel until next Tuesday taking enlistments from this section. Young men who are accepted for enlistment are sent to San Diego to training school for two months before being assigned to sea duty.

HOOD RIVER GETS FREEZING WEATHER

Fruit Growers Prepare to Use Smudge Pots; Ice Forms on Water

HOOD RIVER, Ore., March 20.—(U.P.)—Thin ice formed here last night when frost and a low temperature of 31 degrees visited the mid-Columbia fruit sections. No damage was reported but growers are prepared to use smudge pots if the temperature passes the safety mark.

Colonel Forbes Is Now Convict

LEAVENWORTH, Kan., March 20.—(U.P.)—Colonel Charles R. Forbes, former director of the United States Veterans' bureau, under sentence of two years for conviction on charges of conspiracy to defraud the government in letting contracts for the federal hospitals entered the federal prison yesterday afternoon.

Lumber Company Increases Wages

MARSHFIELD, Ore., March 20.—(U.P.)—The Coos Bay Lumber company today announced a wage increase effective throughout the plant, starting April 1. Under the new wage scale, the daily minimum for common labor will be increased from \$3.20 to \$3.40 per day.

Lithians Enjoy Dancing Party

Approximately 30 members of The Lithians and their wives enjoyed a little dancing party at the Lithia Springs hotel last evening. Brick ice cream and cake were served during the evening. It is proposed to hold similar parties once each month.

CITY BAND TO BE ORGANIZED MONDAY NIGHT

Carl Loveland Issues Call For All Musicians to Be Present

WILL PLAN CONCERTS

Music in Lithia Park During Summer Months to be Popular Feature

Definite steps toward the formation of a municipal band for this summer will be taken at the city hall Monday evening when all musicians have been urged to attend an organization meeting. The call was issued by Carl Loveland, band director. Mo. Loveland is anxious to start band practice next week and for that reason asks that all old members of the band be present. Other musicians who have arrived since last summer are also asked to attend the meeting.

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Land Settlement Head Will Open up Summer Offices in Ashland

Arthur Foster, in charge of the land settlement bureau of the Oregon state chamber of commerce, will be in Ashland next week to open up permanent headquarters for the summer months.

BANK ASSOCIATION WILL MEET TONIGHT

Banquet to be Held by Bankers of Jackson and Josephine Counties

R. M. Alton, assistant trust officer of the United States National bank of Portland will be the chief speaker at the monthly meeting and banquet of the Bankers' Association of Jackson and Josephine counties at the Lithia Springs hotel this evening. Mr. Alton will speak chiefly on trust matters.

United Press Is Invited To Meet

GENEVA, March 20.—The League of Nations today invited the United Press to participate in the commission of experts representing the world's leading press associations, which will meet May 31 in Geneva to prepare an agenda for the league's international press conference in 1927.

Portland Newsboy In Serious Shape

PORTLAND, Ore., March 20.—(U.P.)—Dennett Grover, 12-year-old newsboy, was still in a serious condition today as the result of a fractured skull inflicted late Thursday afternoon by an automobile which struck him as he was selling a paper to a woman passenger on a streetcar. The driver, Samuel Schaffer of Milwaukie, age 17, was arrested on a charge of reckless driving and driving with defective brakes.

Many Voting In Chamber Election

Votes in the final election of the chamber of commerce directors are coming in at a good rate and by the time the polls close at 6 o'clock Monday evening a good majority of the members will have cast their ballots. It was predicted at the chamber of commerce offices today. There are 12 nominees chosen last week with six directors to be elected.

THE WEATHER

Oregon and Washington—Fair tonight, Sunday fair except unsettled; northwest Oregon and western Washington—Fresh coast winds.

NEWCOMERS ARE INVITED TO CONDUCT NEXT FORUM LUNCH FOR CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

If one or two worthy members of the recently organized Newcomers' Club will speak right up, they have a chance to put across some of their ideas at the next chamber of commerce luncheon at the Lithia Springs hotel Tuesday noon. John Fuller, secretary of the chamber of commerce, would like to have the forum conducted jointly by the Newcomers and the Old-Timers. He says the woods are full of old-timers but having a hard job finding anybody who admits membership in the Newcomers' Club. The Newcomers showed their voting strength, at least, when they put across five of their six candidates for chamber of commerce nominees, so an organization as active as that ought to have one or two speakers who could make interesting talks, thinks Mr. Fuller, and for that reason he is anxious to get in touch with them and make definite arrangements for the luncheon. At noon today Mr. Fuller was hard at work trying to find a name to fit the initials, "W. U. A.," by which the secretary of the Newcomers' club signs the calls for all meetings of the organization.

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COMMITTEE PROBES CUTTING OF TREES

Advertising Group of Chamber Also Investigates Highway Boards

The chamber of commerce advertising committee today investigated the signboard situation south of the city and likewise inquired into the cutting of several trees adjacent to the Neil creek bridge. Power company officials today denied they were responsible for the cutting of the trees, and the advertising committee will inquire into the matter and urge that no more trees be cut down along the highway.

MRS. F. A. BROWN CALLED BY DEATH

Aged Ashland Woman Succumbs This Afternoon After Paralytic Stroke

Mrs. F. A. Brown, mother of Mrs. George B. Icenhower, died at the Icenhower family home at one o'clock this afternoon following a paralytic stroke suffered earlier this week. She was 78 years old. The body will be shipped to her former home at Storm Lake, Iowa, for burial. The body is now at the Dodge mortuary.

MRS. KRESGE TO GET LARGE PART OF CASH

Wife of Chain Store Magnate is Given Settlement Out of Court

NEW YORK, March 20.—The marital and financial entanglements of Sebastian S. Kresge, chain store magnate, and his pretty young wife, the former Doris Mercer, were settled out of court today. This afternoon Max Steuer, attorney for Kresge, notified Justice Wagner, before whom the case is pending, that a settlement had been reached and the case withdrawn. Formal withdrawal, however, will not be made until Wednesday, when it is called on the calendar.

ANNEXATION WILL BE DECIDED SOON

ALHAMBRA, Cal., March 20.—(U.P.)—Alhambra is the latest of the Southern California cities debating annexation to Los Angeles. The issue will be decided at a special election in April. The city is divided sharply into three camps: the westenders, those nearest Los Angeles and adjoining South Pasadena, favor annexation; the "eastenders," furthest from Los Angeles, oppose joining Los Angeles; the business houses in the center of the city are non-committal. The annexationists argue "lower taxes, cheaper telephones, and cheaper railroad fare to the center of Los Angeles." The anti-annexationists say the slogans are mere words.

Harvard was the first American college to send a crew to England.

LAST TRIBUTE GIVEN MEMORY OF PATRIARCH

Colonel John Calvin Coolidge Laid to Final Rest This Afternoon

SERVICES ARE BRIEF

President Stands With Bared Head on Snow-Banked Vermont Hillside

PLYMOUTH, Vt., March 20.—(U.P.)—John Calvin Coolidge was buried here today on a frozen side hill of his native Vermont. His son, Calvin, the chief magistrate of the nation, performed a son's somber duty, following the body to the grave and watching with bared head as the old Vermont patriarch's soul was consigned "unto Almighty God" at the culmination of the solemn Episcopal order of burial. The journey retraced the Gethsemane trail which President and Mrs. Coolidge followed a year and a half ago to bury their son, Calvin, Jr. The monument was already there. It had been selected by the elder Coolidge two years ago. The final service was opened at 2 o'clock this afternoon in the parlor of the Coolidge home. There was no music. "I am the Resurrection and the Life, saith the Lord. He that believeth in me, though he were dead, yet shall he live, and whosoever liveth and believeth in me shall never die," were the pastor's closing remarks. The president, his son, John, Governor Billings, Attorney General Sargent and the presidential entourage were dressed in black "cutaways." Mrs. Coolidge wore black. The services at the house occupied only 15 minutes. Six privates of the Vermont national guard bore the body through the door to a sleigh and thence to the cemetery where the brief concluding ceremonies were held.

UMPQUA PORT BILL TO BE INTRODUCED

Relief for District Will be Sought by Two Oregon Congressmen

WASHINGTON, D. C., March 20.—(U.P.)—Elimination of the requirement that Portland Umpqua furnish half of the funds for jetty construction of the Umpqua project is sought in an amendment being prepared by Congressman Hawley and which will be presented by Congressman Crumpacker. It is pointed out that work can go ahead if the requirement is set aside, but if not, the work will be halted as Port Umpqua has almost reached its taxing limit.

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Ralph Williams Starts For Home

WASHINGTON, D. C., March 20.—Ralph E. Williams, chairman of the Oregon republican state central committee, left for his home today after an extended visit in the national capital, during which he attended to many political matters for his party. Mr. Williams was a guest at a special dinner given to President Coolidge earlier in the week.

Auto Debt Gets Student In Jail

EUGENE, Ore., March 20.—(U.P.)—Because he was planning to leave the state without paying a bill of \$85 he owed for an auto crash, a young student at the University of Oregon is held in jail. It became known yesterday. Authorities are withholding the young man's name. This is the first case of record in Lane county where a person has been jailed for debt.

The St. Louis Browns have finished last more times than any other team in the American Baseball League.

New Evidence Help In Solving Editor's Murder

KELSO, March 20.—New developments that cannot be disclosed, but that will probably clear up the murder of Thomas Dorey, Kelso, editor, shot June 19, 1925, for which John Smith and Frank Hart are charged with murder, and the shooting of Dwight Bailey, Kelso policeman, in January, have been uncovered, Clarke Studebaker, who resigned as Cowlitz county sheriff, Tuesday disclosed, prior to his resignation. Studebaker does not believe that Warren Williams, a cook, held at Montesano on suspicion that he shot Andrew McKeen to death at McClary, Wash., recently was connected with the shooting of Bailey.

OFFICERS CHOSEN BY HEALTH ASSOCIATION

Miss Mildred Carlton Named President; Ashland Woman Selected

Miss Mildred Carlton was elected president of the Jackson County Public Health association at the recent meeting held in Medford. Other officers chosen were: Vice president, Mrs. Stanley Robinson; secretary, Mrs. H. N. Noblit; nurse committee, Mrs. Leonard Carpenter; finance committee, Mrs. F. C. Kenly; education committee, Mrs. Alice Holloway; supply committee, Mrs. W. H. Crawford; publicity committee, Mrs. Perry O. Crawford.

Express Company Announces Rules

Agent Dan Applegate of the American Railway Express Co. announced today that the express companies plan to establish a system of charges for the storing of express shipments refused when tendered for delivery or unclaimed for. Three days "free time" will be allowed, after which the storage charge will be 10 cents for the first day, five cents for each of the next eight days with a maximum of 50 cents a month for each shipment weighing 100 pounds or less. There will be a regular monthly charge thereafter of 50 cents per month or fraction thereof. The express companies have not heretofore made a practice to assess storage charges on unclaimed shipments, although it has long been a practice with freight and baggage. They contend that the expense of extra labor involved should be borne, not by express patrons generally, but by the owners of the goods so stored.

Body Of Girl Is Found In Stream

DEDHAM, MASS., March 20.—The body of a 20-year-old girl, with a large boulder weighing down her head, which rested in a brook, was found yesterday near Stonybrook reservation. Nearby were blood spots. Police believe the girl had been slain after being attacked, that the boulder, which weighed 200 pounds, had been rolled on her to crush her head.

Standard Oil Buys General Petroleum

LOS ANGELES, March 20.—A merger was officially announced as under way here today whereby the Standard Oil company of New York would absorb the large independent concern, General Petroleum corporation.

Auto Accidents Take Four Lives During February

SALEM, Ore., March 20.—(U.P.)—Automobile accidents took a toll of four lives and 313 injured in Oregon during February, according to the monthly report of T. A. Rafferty, head of the state traffic bureau. All of the fatalities occurred in Portland, as did a major portion of the injuries. State traffic police arrested 411 persons during the month for violation of state auto laws.

LOGGING CAMP COOK HELD ON SLAVE CHARGE

B. F. Chisum Arrested At Tennant for Transporting Young Girl

NOW IN COUNTY JAIL

Adalee Byrd Taken Into Custody Here Following Investigation of Case

B. F. Chisum, aged 47, was lodged in the county jail at Jacksonville last night on federal charge of white slavery, while Miss Adalee Byrd, aged 15, is held in custody as complaining witness against the middle-aged cook. Chisum was arrested at Tennant, Cal., where he was employed as a cook in a logging camp. Miss Byrd was taken into custody in this city, where she had been stopping for several weeks.

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OLD AGE PENSION MOVEMENT STARTS

Initiative Measure Filed With Secretary to Circulate Petitions

SALEM, Ore., March 20.—(U.P.)—A move to secure legislation providing for old age pensions was launched here yesterday afternoon with the filing of an initiative measure with the secretary of state. The proposed bill will be submitted to the attorney general for ballot title and then petitions will be circulated throughout the state to get it on the November ballot.

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Conservation Of Forests Is Urged

W. J. Fuller of Dallas, former member of the legislature from Polk county, gave an interesting and instructive talk on forest conservation at the high school auditorium last night, in which he urged a definite policy on the conservation of all forested areas. His address was illustrated with both slides and motion pictures.