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EMEN CRUSHED WHEN WALL FALLS

New York Fire Fighters re Buried Beneath Brick as Burning Hall Caves

BODIES ARE DUG OUT

thout Warning, Roof and Wall Collapsed on Men

STRESS CRIES HORRIFY

Hold That Spectators Are Also ained Down By Load of Brick; Women Go Into Hysterics As Tragic Scene Is Viewed

(By The Associated Press)
EW YORK, Aug. 21.—A half re firemen are believed to have killed early today when the and a section of a wall of a ding housing the New Plaza hall, Brooklyn, collapsed g a fire. A number of in- , variously estimated at from to 40, could not be placed ac- ately at four o'clock this morn-

The collapse, heralded by no ning, came shortly before 2:30 ock, after firemen had fought stubborn blaze since midnight had weakened the roofs and by their efforts to get at the t of the fire.

Most of the injured and killed re caught between tons of bricks they were fighting the flames hose lines on the lower flood the three-story building. Seven men who had been chopping at ers on the roof were cata- ed into the mass of wreckage. Debris Several Feet High

It is estimated that about 25 men were caught on the er floors. Six others were on escapes on the section of wall collapsed and were precipi- into the heart of the ruins, made a sepulchre several in height and covering an ex- of half a block.

About three o'clock 11 bodies had been dug from the ruins. Al- most some were apparently dead, were rushed to hospitals in the hope that emergency treatment might save their lives.

Ambulances were rushed to the ital from Brooklyn and Manhat- tan, bringing doctors and a corps of nurses, who assisted in the res- cue work.

The firemen had carried lines of hose into the structure and were fighting the fire under the glare of a dozen powerful searchlights. Without warning the entire roof and one of the walls crashed, trapping all those in the building. A number of spectators close to the ruins were believed also to have been victims.

Girders Pin Down Victims

The collapse of the roof carried huge steel girders into the glowing ruins and these are be- lieved to be pinning down many of the victims. Cries and groans of the injured spurred the rescue workers on to greater efforts. The work of rescue was badly hamp- ered by the heat and the danger of- fered by the possibility of a col- lapse of the remaining walls.

When the flames broke out afresh as the wall and roof collapsed and a second alarm of fire brought addi- tional apparatus. After 10 min- utes of desperate work rescuers brought out one body, that of a fireman, and five badly injured firefighters, who were sent to hos- pitals.

The smouldering ruins built a mountain four feet high and cov- ered half a block. Firemen, po- licemen and volunteer civilians at- tacked the pile from every side in their efforts to get to the victims.

The roar of the crash, heard for many blocks around, brought thou- sands of men, women and children to the tragic scene. The horror of the situation drove women into hysteria and their cries were heard above the groans and screams of those buried in the ruins.

Police Hold Back Mob

Police lines, hastily formed, held the crowds in check and prevented many from throwing themselves into the ruins, from which the mangled arms and legs of many dead and injured could be seen in the glare of the flames.

Fears of the holocaust carried on by winds and scores of wagons and motor cars of all descriptions soon crowded to the scene and were invaluable in the work of rescue.

Those pinned in the building un- der the fallen roof and its three huge girders have small chance of escape, as it is there the flames are fiercest. The place was like a fur- nace and it was thought that none could be brought out alive from the center of the ruins.

Two Autos Crushed

Two fire department automo- biles were crushed like cardboard by the fall of the roof and wall. It was not know whether or not they were occupied. The collapse sent bricks hurtling several hundred feet in the air. A fireman atop a water tower, 40 feet from the street, was struck by one of the missiles and hurled to the ground. He fell on a spectator and both were sent to hospitals in a dying condition.

Deputy Fire Chief O'Hara, who was reported killed, had a narrow escape. He was outside the build- ing directing the work of firemen operating a water tower when the wall collapsed.

The building where the men are buried was located at 34 Grand street, Brooklyn. It was an old structure, three stories in height, and bordered on blocks of tene- ments whose countless thousands crowded about the scene to add to the confusion.

Marks Million For 12 Cents

NEW YORK, Aug. 20. — The German mark today dropped to a new low for all time, selling at 12 cents a million. The last low, two days ago, was 17 cents a million.

IN TODAY'S MORNING REGISTER

The Weather

For Oregon—Fair Tuesday except showers southwest portion; cooler west portion; gentle to moderate variable winds.

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Monday's weather—Maximum temperature, 84 degrees; minimum, 53. Stage of river, 1.6 feet.

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8 PERISH IN HOTEL FIRE

TWO MISSING, SOME FATALLY HURT IN ONTARIO BLAZE

HUNTSVILLE, Ontario, Aug. 20.—Bodies of eight persons, all women, had been recovered tonight from the ashes of the Wawa hotel in Muskoka, which was destroyed by fire Sunday night. Two persons are reported as missing. Five persons suffered injuries from which they may die, while twenty who are being cared for in hospitals, are said to be out of danger.

The hotel, which was filled to capacity with summer vacationists, a majority from the United States, had just quieted down after the Saturday night festivities when the fire started. The cause is believed to have been either a carelessly thrown cigarette or friction in an elevator shaft.

A strong wind quickly spread the flames and by the time the guests were awakened the fire gained such headway that stairways and elevator shafts were cut off.

PRICE-FIXING IS OPPOSED

FAIR ARBITRARY COST HELD TO BE IMPOSSIBLE

WASHINGTON, Aug. 20. — Wheat price-fixing by legislation is declared unreasonable by Julius H. Barnes, president of the chamber of commerce of the United States grain corporation, during the war, in an article published in the current number of the Nation's Business.

"No human judgment could suggest a price," Mr. Barnes points out, "at which there would be anything like universal acceptance by the farm; and the farm itself should be the last one to establish the precedent of fixing farm products at any relations with a theoretical commodity index, for that precedent established by the farm would be used many times afterwards to their distinct prejudice and loss."

TONG FIGHTERS TO HANG

PETITION FOR REHEARING IS DENIED BY COURT

RENO, Nev., Aug. 20.—Denying the second petition for rehearing the appeal of Gee Gon and Hughie Sing, Chinese tong murderers awaiting execution by lethal gas, the supreme court sitting at Carson City called attention to its rules declaring that a second petition for rehearing will not be entertained.

A further reason for denying the petition, the court says, lies in the fact that the "cruel and unusual death" point now urged was called to the attention of the court when the original petition for rehearing was submitted. Steps are now under way to appeal to the United States supreme court.

Sugar Flops Again

WALLA, WALLA, Wash., Aug. 20—An unusual decline in the price of sugar has taken place since the beginning of the canning season in Walla Walla and continuing up to the present. On August 16 sugar dropped 35 cents a hundred pounds and today took another ten cents per hundred drop. The jobbers' price as quoted locally today was $8.90 for cane and $8.70 for beet. On February 1 of this year sugar was selling at $11.35 wholesale per hundred pounds here.

PLAN FOR MEXICAN RELATIONS HEARD

Commission Carries Proposal For Treaty With Obregon to American Officials

DETAILS NOT YET LET OUT

Project Will Be Examined With Great Care

AGREEMENT IS HOPED FOR

President Coolidge and Secretary of State Hughes Will Have Step Under Advisement; for Several Weeks Before Final Decision

WASHINGTON, Aug. 20. — A plan designed as the groundwork of a new structure of friendship and amity between the United States and Mexico was laid formally before the American government today upon the return to Washington of the two commissioners appointed by President Harding to negotiate a rapprochement with the government of General Obregon.

Details of the plan as worked out by Charles B. Warren and John Barton Payne with their Mexican colleagues on the international commission will not be revealed for the present nor will responsible officials make any predictions as to the future course of the Washington administration until there has been a careful study of the entire project. Nevertheless, the steps already taken have aroused in official circles an apparent feeling of confidence that the long continued breach between the two republics of the North American continent may be closed at last.

Hughes First Called On

Mr. Warren and Mr. Payne called on Secretary Hughes immediately after their arrival from Mexico City and left on his desk their report of the negotiations and of the agreement reached between the American and Mexican commissioners for settlement of the many international claims which have accumulated since relations between the two capitals were broken. Later in the day the two commissioners were presented by Mr. Hughes to President Coolidge. They will remain in Washington for the present to confer at the state department and the White House over details of the Mexico City agreement.

It is the general expectation that this study of the report will require at least two weeks. The President, as well as Secretary Hughes and other officials of the state department are expected to examine the plan suggested with greatest care before there is any announcement as to whether it provides, in the opinion of Washington, a real basis for enduring friendship between the two countries.

During their discussions the commissioners followed general principles laid down before they left Washington, but in the main they were given a free hand in the arrangement of details with the

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FREAK'S DEATH SOURCE OF AMAZING DISCOVERY

"BLUE" WONDER HAD VITAL ORGANS OF SAME COLOR

Heart, Brain and Muscles of Side-Show Man Dyed Identical Hue as Skin By Chronic Silver Poison

NEW YORK, Aug. 20. — Fred Walters, whose bright blue skin had made his a good living for many years in side-shows, died today in Bellevue hospital from heart disease.

Physicians at the institution made a careful examination of Walters' body and discovered to their amazement that not only his skin, but all his organs and tissues, including brain, heart and muscles, were of the same brilliant color.

"The coloring," the doctors announced, "was due to 'argyria' and chronic silver poisoning. Some 40 years ago Walters is said to have worked in a mine in Australia. If this report is correct, it is probable that while in the mine Walters breathed into his body nitrate of silver which turned him blue."

Walters is survived by his widow and a six-year-old daughter. He was an officer in the 17th regiment, Duke of Cambridge's Own Lancers, and saw service in India. In maneuvers he was thrown and his horse fell on him. A theory expressed by European scientists was that this fall was responsible for his coloring. Professor Verscher, of Berlin, after a thorough examination said he believed the coloring was caused by the opening of a small valve in the heart, caused by shock when the horse fell on Walters' chest. The valve, known as the foramen ovale, was said to be damaged so that circulation of blood was impeded and the venous blood mixed with the arterial.

LOOTED BONDS REGAINED

DETECTIVES IDENTIFY WATER-SOAKED MASS IN SUITCASE

LOS ANGELES, Aug. 20.—Approximately $150,000 worth of bonds, part of a watersoaked mass found in a suitcase in a bog near here last week and originally the loot of bandits who held up and killed Sam McGee, First National bank messenger, February 13 last, have been identified, according to George K. Home, captain of detectives.

The total amount of bonds identified from the suitcase cache and recovered elsewhere is $300,000, leaving a like amount unaccounted for.

Nine arrests have been made in connection with the crime, but the police admit they have been unable so far to link any suspects with the actual murder and robbery.

OIL WASTE TO BE HALTED

OKLAHOMA GOVERNOR WILL FORCE CONSERVATION

OKLAHOMA CITY, Okla., Aug. 20.—Wastages of Oklahoma's oil wealth by having it thrown at a loss upon a market temporarily flooded from other sources will not be permitted by the state government, Governor J. C. Walton declared in a statement tonight.

"The influence and authority of the state will be exercised to force conservation of its petroleum supplies and neither individual producers nor purchasing companies will be permitted to encourage, engage in, or abet wasteful and uneconomic methods of production of oil or the marketing of its products," the governor said.

PREHISTORIC CITY MAY BE UNCOVERED IN STATE

ROCK FORMATION AT THORN LAKE MUTE TESTIMONY

Party of Preliminary Investigation Puzzled; Theory Long Held by Central Oregon People

SILVER LAKE, Ore., Aug. 20. —(Special to the Register.)—Do the half-buried walls of stone which bisect the bed of Thorn lake in several directions with geometrical precision mark the site of some prehistoric city, or are they the work of nature?

This question which for 30 years has agitated the minds of residents of this remote section of Oregon, may be answered before long as the result of a preliminary investigation which was made last week by Representative N. J. Sinnot, of The Dalles; William Hanley, of Burns, and Prof. John B. Horner, of the O. A. C. Accompanied by a number of prominent residents of Silver Lake and Lakeview, Messrs. Sinnott, Hanley and Horner visited the site of Thorn Lake and inspected the ruins of the "sunken city."

As a result of the inspection the investigators returned here puzzled and unable to state with certainty how the walls came to be built. It was decided that further exploration of the buried walls of the lake will be made in the near future.

For more than 30 years there has been a belief in this locality that Thorn Lake located 12 miles east of the town of Silver Lake, is the site of a sunken city. In 1889 according to Mr. Hanley, Emil Egli built a fireplace of symmerical blocks of stone taken from a wall at the bottom of Thorn Lake. Although no marks of pick nor chizzle were in evidence, some of the stone appeared to have been shaped beforehand by some prehistoric workman.

In further confirmation of the theory of a buried city there are stone walls running parallel and at right angles through the bed of the lake, giving the aspect of a Pompeii which had been showered with falling ashes and gathering debris until all evidences of civilization had been concealed except the rims of the walls.

RAIN RECORD IS BROKEN

SPOKANE PRECIPITATION IS 1.65 INCHES IN DAY

SPOKANE, Wash., Aug. 20. — Two rainfall records were broken here today, according to the United States weather bureau station, rain, which began falling Sunday night and continued until late this afternoon was the heaviest precipitation in 24 hours in August recorded in the 42 years of the Spokane weather bureau. The total rainfall for the month also exceeded the previous record of August, 1907, by .04 inch.

In 21 hours, 1.65 inches of rain fell as compared with the previous record for 24 hours in August of 1.24 inches, August 30-31, 1912.

Wheat and pea crops in the Inland Empire were reported to be damaged to the extent of $500,000, according to Walter J. Robinson, of the Washington Wheat Growers' association. Continuation of the rain would cause heavy losses to wheat growers, Mr. Robinson said.

SALEM, Ore., Aug. 20.—Rain was falling here tonight for the first time in more than a month. It will have little beneficial or detrimental effect on farm crops

IT'S STRANGE WHERE SOME FOLKS GO TO AVOID THE HEAT

BANKRUPTCY HELD FARMER'S FUTURE

Thousands Sure to Fail, Is Prediction of Secretary of Agriculture Wallace

WHEAT PRICE IS RUINOUS

All Farm Products Too Low In Comparison

RAILROADS MIGHT HELP

Wheat Price but a Symptom of Disease Says Secretary; Excessive Price of All Other Goods Is Believed Real Difficulty

WASHINGTON, D. C., Aug. 20. —Thousands of American farmers will go bankrupt with wheat selling at considerably less than cost of production, Secretary Wallace declared today, while thousands of others will be able to hold on only by the most grinding economy. If the present plane of prices or commodities other than agricultural is to be maintained, he added, then to have general prosperity, prices of farm products must be increased.

Eastern railroads could help by making substantial reductions in freight rates on agricultural producets especially if destined for export, Mr. Wallace asserted, pointing out, however, that until agriculture, industry and commerce are brought into a more normal relationship, acute agricultural problems will develop, one after the other.

Not a New Disease

"The ruinously low prices of wheat is not a new agricultural disease," said the secretary in a statement. "It is just one more acute symptom of the general trouble from which agriculture is suffering. The disease itself is the distorted relationship between prices of farm products and prices of other commodities.

"The sooner the people engaged in commerce and industry frankly recognize the trouble, the better it will be for all of us. The farmer could get along fairly well with present prices of which he has to sell if prices of what he must buy were down accordingly. But prices of other things remain high; that is what hurts.

"Wages in industry and on the railroads are almost twice as high as before the war. The taxes are about twice as high. Freight rates are from 50 to 75 per cent higher. Metals, building materials of all kinds are from 50 to 100 per cent above pre-war prices. All of these are items in the farmers' cost of production. Until a fair relationship is restored between agriculture and industry and commerce, agriculture will be upset and will have reason to complain.

Price Fixing Discussed

"The pressing question is 'what can be done to help the wheat growers get more nearly the cost of production for this year's crop?' Some urge that the government ought to fix a fair price. That could be done only by the government preparing to buy unlimited quantities at the price fixed. Others suggest that the government go into the market and buy 200,000,000 bushels of wheat and store it on the theory that the taking off the market of that quantity would send up the price to a fair figure.

"I am not hopeful of good results from either of these plans. How could the government dispose of the surplus accumulated? What effect would either action have on wheat acreage? What effect would it have on the acreage and price of other grains and of livestock? Would the same policy be adopted in case of ruinously low prices for other farm products? The wheat situation is bad enough in all conscience, and certainly the majority of our people would favor any practical method of helping, but we ought to be reasonably sure that the remedy attempted will do the farmer more good than harm and will not make our situation worse instead of better.

"Whether these acute conditions might be relieved, if the government should set up an agency with large authority to handle our surplus farm products in its discretion and provide it with ample funds, I do not know, I do not believe any one knows."

Situation Very Difficult

The low price of wheat this year will bring some reduction in acreage, Mr. Wallace predicted, adding that "it it a terribly hard situation for the individual but those who remain will be benefited."

In reference to the expert situation, he said:

"A gradual decline in our exports of grains and meats is to be expected. We cannot hope to keep them at the high rate of recent years. But those exports are not going to vanish overnight. Europe will continue to buy large quantities of us for some time."

Tourists Killed at Nice

(By The Associated Press)

NICE, Aug. 20.—The Rev. Hiram Grant Person and Mrs. Person of Newton, Mass.; Charles H. Gray, two women who have not yeen been identified and an automobile bus driver were killed today when the bus went over the parapet of the road leading from Nice to Evian and plunged three hundred feet into the river Var. A number of other persons were injured. Some of them were taken to a hospital in Puget Theniers and the remainder brought to Nice.

LIFE-CREW SAVES ALL AIRPLANE PASSENGERS

COMMERCIAL MACHINE DROPS INTO OCEAN AT NEWPORT

Three Men at First Thought to Be Drowned But When Seen by Plane, Rescue Begins

NEWPORT, Ore., Aug. 20. — (Special to the Register.) — The airplane that has been operating on the beach here all season, taking passengers up in the air daily at so much per head, fell into the ocean here this afternoon at 2:30 o'clock and the pilot, G. Tronson and two passengers, C. H. Glassfoot and L. E. King, had a narrow escape from drowning.

Glassfoot, King and three other persons had engaged passage on the plane for Waldport south of here. These two men boarded the machine with Tronson and a good takeoff was made but soon after the plane arouse there appeared to be something wrong and it soon dropped into the sea beyond the breakers.

A large crowd on the beach witnessed the drop and it was first thought that all three men were drowned but soon they were seen to climb out upon the wings of the airplane.

The plane floated on the surface and it was not long before the government life-saving crew was on the scene. The crew took the pilot on board its boat and the two passengers were taken ashore by means of a life line.

C. H. Harwood, one of the men who swam to the plane through the surf, had a narrow escape when the crew of the power boat failed to see him and left the scene. Harwood was forced to swim back through the heavy surf to shore. He was nearly exhausted. John Stockton and Laurence McBride were the others who swam to the plane. More than a thousand persons watched the rescue from the shore.

The airplane will be saved, it is believed. A line was attached to it and it is probable that it will be hauled ashore tomorrow.

&SCHOOL LAW IS SCORED

CATHOLIC YOUTH IN ORATION DENOUNCES KU KLUX

MILWAUKEE, Aug. 20.—Carl Becker, a Milwaukee youth, won first place in the oratorical contest of the Gonzaga union, an affiliated body of the Central Catholic society, last night. In his address on the subject "The Oregon School Law," he denounced the Ku Klux Klan, charging it with "defamation, falsehood and malice toward the Catholic church."

The Oregon compulsory education law, which requires all children between eight and 16 to attend a public school, will, Mr. Becker declared, "destroy millions of dollars of private property with no offer of compensation by the state, will turn to naught the efforts of private charities, exile hundreds of poor, afflicted children. Every orphanage, children's home, asylums for deaf mutes and defectives in Oregan, and above all, every private and parochial school would be closed."

AMUNDSEN TO TRY AGAIN

FLIGHT OVER NORTH POLE IS PLANNED FOR NEXT YEAR

(By The Associated Press)

NOME, Alaska, Aug. 20.—Captain Roald Amundsen, who arrived here last night on the coast guard cutter Bear, announced today that he would try next year to fly over the North Pole from Spitzbergen.

Captain Amundsen, who last spring abandoned an attempt to make a flight over the pole from Wainwright, Alaska, because the landing gear of his plane broke in a test hop off, said today that the machine was unsuitable for the project. He declared that it had not sufficient power to lift the two persons and the fuel necessary for a flight over the pole. Oscar Omdal, captain Amundsen's aviator who spent the winter at Wainwright caring for the plane, came in last year on the schooner from Seattle, and C. S. Holmes is going to the states soon, Captain Amundsen said.

BUY STRIKE INSURANCE

NEW YORK SHOW OWNERS FEAR DAMAGE BY WORKERS

(By The Associated Press)

NEW YORK, Aug. 20. — The theater owners' chamber of commerce announced today it had purchased a $1,000,000 policy to insure the 540 motion picture houses the chamber represents in greater New York against loss through property damage during a strike which the Motion Picture Machine Operators' union threatens to call on September 1.

The theatre owners said they could not and would not grant the increase in wages demanded by the operators or any increase.

Operators in houses of 300 to 600 seats are asking $75.20 a week instead of $50.16 and those in houses of 1000 or over ask $88.92 instead of $59.28.

2 DIE IN AIRPLANE FALL

PLANE GOES INTO NOSE SPIN; FIRE BURNS IT UP

POPE FIELD, CAMP BRAGG, N. C., Aug. 20.—Albert Demesquita, of Brooklyn, N. Y., and Durham, N. C., newspaper publisher, and an army aviator, named Reese, were killed here late this afternoon when an airplane crashed with them.

It was later learned that the aviator killed was Sergeant Edmund Reece, of New York City. The plane is said to have gone into a nose dive just after taking off the ground. The men are said to have been instantly killed and the plane was destroyed by fire. The plane was privately owned, it is said, but a board of inquiry has been appointed to investigate the accident.

WORK ON CUTOFF WILL START SOON

Sproule, President of S. P., Says Permit From Indian Board Is Now Only Bar

BUILDERS TO BID AT ONCE

Completion By July 1, 1923, Promised By Commission

ENGINEERS HARD AT WORK

First Construction Will Begin at Kirk and Proceed Northward as Winter Will Not Interfere so Soon in that Locality

PORTLAND, Ore., Aug. 20. — (Special to the Register)—Construction of the Eugene-Klamath Falls line of the Southern Pacific, which has been known as the Natron cutoff, will start within the next few weeks, with completion promised the interstate commerce commission by July 1, 1926, declared William Sproule, president of the company, who came to Oregon today for a ten days' visit. He learned of the commission's granting of the certificate of public necessity and convenience for the new construction when he reached here in the early morning.

"Only one thing remains, and then all the required formalities necessary before starting work will have been completed," he said. "This is the granting of permission of the commission of Indian affairs to build through Indian lands of the Klamath reservation. We had been granted this right when construction was under way before, but it lapsed during the years of the litigation that are now happily concluded.

Delay Not Anticipated

"We do not anticipate any delay on this account as there is no opposition that we are aware of to this grant being given. After the necessary requirements of the Indian bureau have been complied with we have no doubt that the necessary permission will be given.

"These lands are north of Kirk through the Klamath Indian reservaton and we hope we will get permission within three weeks or, at most, a month, as we are ready to put up cash security, if that is necessary, to guarantee payment to the Indians.

"The Southern Pacific expects to be ready to start the work of grading almost immediately after the permit is obtained for building through the Indian reservation; in fact assembling of materials already is in progress and contractors will be asked within the next few days to submit their bids for grading the first 30 miles north of Kirk.

"Our engineers at present are engaged in preparing papers to lay before the contractors to enable them to bid on the stages of the work.

"We intend to start work at the southern end and from Kirk work northward as operations can be continued longer than on the northern end and a greater distance accomplished before snow shuts down the work. As soon as the snow permits, the work will be resumed next spring.

Will Work Diligently

"It is our intention to carry on the work diligently and in fulfillment of the public expectations. Whether the new line can be finished by the date fixed by the commission, July 1, 1926, it is as yet too early to say. But our efforts will be directed to that end."

The Eugene-Klamath Falls line will be the only Oregon railroad to surmount the Cascade range of mountains. The Union Pacific line does not climb over this barrier, but follows the Columbia river through it at no appreciable elevation and with an entire absence of hill climbing.

Surveyors are in the field at present relocating the old line originally made, and the same course will be followed, with such minor changes as are made necessary to provide an easy path for more modern and heavier railway equipment than was in use at the time the first survey was located.

COMMISSION GIVES PERMIT

Railroad Board Says Work on Natron Line Must Begin by January 1

(By The Associated Press)

WASHINGTON, Aug. 20.—The Central Pacific Railroad company was authorized by the interstate commerce commission today to proceed with construction of its "Natron cutoff" in Oregon.

Under the authorization the work must be begun by January 1, 1924, and must be completed within two years. The Central Pacific's request to retain excess earnings as a part of its program for financing the construction was denied.

By its action today the commission disposed of an application which had been on its docket several months. Previous action had been considered inadvisable, commission officials said, because of the litigation over the Southern Pacific's control of the Central Pacific property. The new line will start at Oakridge, Oregon and run 118 miles to a point near Kirk, Oregon. The area to be served, the commission found, will cover a belt of about 46 miles wide. Stations will be established at McCredie Hot Springs, Odell and Crescent, described in the commission's decision as having a population of about twenty each.

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