

6 ORPHANS DIE IN MISSION FIRE ON RESERVATION

LEWISTON, Idaho, Oct. 6.—Fire visited tragedy on the little Catholic mission settlement lying in the Nez Percé Indian reservation, 25 miles east of here, at midnight Saturday and took a toll of six orphan dead.

Located five miles from a railroad in a sparsely settled section, the boys' dormitory at the mission where 31 youngsters lay asleep was wiped out by the flames while volunteer fighters fought valiantly to rescue the entrapped boys.

Nuns of the mission heroically worked to awaken the sleeping youth, half dragging them from their beds to safety. The sisters were believed to have escaped with all the boys from the building when five of the lads dashed back into the blazing building to rescue some of their companions they thought facing death.

The bodies of the six were found huddled close together by rescue workers who raked the coals of the building.

Efforts of the volunteers who organized a bucket brigade and played a stream of water on the flames through a half-inch hose were fruitless. They saved a chapel standing 30 feet away, though it was scorched black by the flames.

The dormitory was an old Blackfoot mission founded many years ago by Jesuit priests and was conducted by the Order of Sisters of St. Joseph. The mission today pictured a pathetic scene as the boys prepared for the funeral of their comrade dead. The six will be buried in the mission churchyard Tuesday. The survivors were moved into other quarters at the mission.

Relief work was undertaken by merchants and citizens of Lewiston.

AUSTRIAN MOVIE STARS PROTEST U. S. A. FILMS

VIENNA, Oct. 6.—(A. P.)—Three thousand film actors paraded the streets yesterday as a protest against the importation of foreign films. They shouted "we want government protection of our industry," and similar demands.

At a mass meeting a resolution was adopted protesting against the importation of picture films from the United States and a deputation sent to the government made a demand for the enactment of legislation necessary for the exclusion of such films.

CHURCH REPUDIATES REPORT BY COUNCIL

WASHINGTON, Oct. 6.—(A. P.)—The board of temperance, prohibition and public morals of the Methodist Episcopal church declared today in a formal announcement that the church disclaimed responsibility for the report on prohibition issued recently through the federal council of churches of Christian America.

The report was not a report of the federal council, the statement said, but was issued by its commission on research, prepared by an small number of persons and represented only them.

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GERMAN ENVOY FEARS FOR LIFE AT SWISS MEET

LOCARNO, Switzerland, Oct. 6.—(A. P.)—The conference of German and allied statesmen to consider a security pact opened here today.

The sessions are being held in the cantonal courtroom, in the palace of justice. The conference also will be concerned with the question of security for one of its chief delegates—Dr. Gustav Stresemann, Germany's foreign minister.

Stories of plots by German ultra-nationalists or fascists against Dr. Stresemann because he had come to Locarno to discuss with the French, British and Belgian statesmen the project of formulating a security pact without having insisted on the question of Germany's war guilt being added to the agenda caused the police to assign guards to his hotel.

When he came to Locarno, Dr. Stresemann left his special train at Bellinzona as a protective measure and motored into this little village.

Dr. Stresemann, Chancellor Luther and the other Germans are somewhat perturbed, even to the point of restlessness over the fact that M. Tschircher, the German foreign minister, has gone to Berlin at the moment when the security conference is taking place here.

They consider the moment inopportune for Tschircher to enter the German capital as headquarters for his propaganda for a Russo-German commercial treaty.

Russia is not represented at the security conference. Austen Chamberlain and M. Briand, respectively, the British and French foreign ministers, and Dr. Stresemann and the other delegates are optimistic over the ultimate outcome.

The inaugural meeting was formally opened shortly after 11 A. M. by Mayor Rusca of Locarno. After his speech of welcome he retired, as all the sessions of the conference are being held in private.

The statesmen made considerable progress at the first session. They examined every article in the Rhine pact guarantee as drawn up at the London meeting of juridical experts. A number of obscure clauses were referred back to the jurists, who are meeting this afternoon and are expected to have their report ready tomorrow.

Articles on which differences of opinion arose were reserved for consideration at the next plenary session tomorrow.

Poland and Czechoslovakia later will be asked to present their views on the pact, which is described as "an arbitration convention, with guarantees."

RECIPES FOR GEORGE WASHINGTON'S HOME BREWING ARE SOLD

NEW YORK, Oct. 6.—(A. P.)—A collection of Washington relics including 150 letters in the handwriting of the first president, has been sold to the Rosenbach company, it became known today. The collector, who disposed of them was said to be a New York banker, whose ancestors were contemporaries of Washington.

The collection, which included between 400 and 500 papers relating to Washington's activities during the Revolutionary period, has been valued by dealers at between \$50,000 and \$65,000.

Among the letters is one written June 2, 1777, to Lord Cornwallis protesting against the killing of a young American lieutenant. Another written in 1787 to Mrs. Elizabeth Powell and dictated by Martha Washington, an "unagreement" among Washington and several contemporaries to live until 1800.

Others of the more personal letters describe Washington's plans for home brewing from 500 barrels of corn a year.

MISSING WORKER IS MOONSHINE VICTIM

LONGVIEW, Wash., Oct. 6.—Joseph Young, 43, missing for three days from his haunts near White House, on the upper Cowlitz river was found paralyzed last night by a party of searchers in an abandoned cabin. They reported that a half empty jug of liquor was at his side. Young died early this morning without regaining consciousness. Corporal VanNote went to the scene this morning. The men who found Young were of the opinion that there was no foul play.

BOTH ARMS CUT OFF, MAN WILL RECOVER

LA GRANDE, Ore., Oct. 6.—(A. P.)—Nephie Robert Wood, 37, La Grande brakeman for the Oregon-Washington Railroad & Navigation company, walked a half mile to obtain help Sunday at midnight after both arms had been severed above the elbows in a fall under the train wheels from a freight car. In spite of great loss of blood, physicians today held hope for his recovery.

MINING NEWS OF SOUTHWESTERN OREGON

Edited by Southwestern Oregon Mining Bureau.

Progress in Mining Made.

GRANTS PASS, Oct. 3.—With the continued improvement in the mining industry in southwestern Oregon from month to month until at this time a wide development program of our mineral resources is in progress. It is well to pause and consider the causes which have been largely instrumental in bringing about these results.

For years prior to 1923 mining in this district was on the decline. While mining in other districts was going ahead in a safe and sane way, probably with not great spurts, but with constant plunging, and there was a general tendency toward a revival in the industry generally. Realizing that the great mineral belt of southwestern Oregon must be developed during the period of the upward trend in mining, else it will probably be another eye-rolled around, a few far-sighted men in November, 1923 organized the Southwestern Oregon Mining Bureau, with the sole purpose of securing the legitimate development of this territory. Since that time the membership has been on the increase until now it numbers nearly 250. With this strong organization and the cooperation of the members the bureau outlined a program designed to obtain the desired results and it has consistently carried this program into effect.

The major factor in the development of any mining district is adequate, experienced, mining capital—capital that spends its money with the sole purpose of securing profitable returns from operations—and, as such money was not to be found locally in sufficient sums, the bureau undertook a publicity campaign of wide scope to acquaint mining men all over the Pacific coast with the possibilities of this district with view to securing their entrance into the field. That this campaign has been effective cannot be disputed as daily reports are coming to the bureau from outside sources, directly and indirectly, showing that the unwarranted prejudice heretofore existing against southwestern Oregon as a mining district is rapidly breaking down and that real mining men are coming into the district to investigate for themselves—a prerequisite to investment.

This publicity program is carried on week in and week out in the local papers of southwestern Oregon; in each issue of Mining Truth, covering the whole northwestern country; Mining Review, covering the southwestern states; once a week in the Daily Lead and Abstract, the Portland business-man's paper; and from time to time special articles in other publicity mediums. Recently Mining Topics arranged to syndicate mining news of Oregon and California to 50 California papers, and last Saturday the columns of a Pacific coast magazine were opened to the bureau for the dissemination of mining information.

This work has been the means of injecting new life into the mining industry as is evidenced by the many new men engaged in mining, the extensive and intensive prospecting being carried on, by the many new strikes of high grade ores in old properties as well as in new discoveries, by the operation, when during the water season, of many properties, both placer and quartz, by the installation of new treatment facilities, and by the large development program now under way. Until such time as the industry is far enough along in its development to carry on under its own momentum, publicity is the backbone of our development. Next year should, with the strike now being made, bring us to that stage, but, during the intervening time every effort should be put forth to hasten the day of the full development and operation of our mines, and it is with this thought in mind that the attention of mining men of the district and the public generally, is directed to this matter.

Galice District to the Front

The Galice district is rapidly coming to the front. Considerable development work is being carried on and during the water season the placer and several quartz properties produce satisfactorily. Friday P. B. Wickham, general manager of the Western Metal Mines company, with offices in Grants Pass, brought to bureau headquarters generous samples of high grade gold ore from the Sugar Pine and the Black Jack properties of the company for their mineral exhibit. These specimens are quite characteristic of the district and are attracting considerable attention among mining men of the district.

H. A. Doerner of the United States Bureau of Mines, with headquarters at Reno, Nev., was a caller at bureau headquarters last week. Mr. Doerner formerly lived in Josephine county and takes considerable interest in the progress of the development of this section.

Edward A. Logsdon of Long Beach, California, who has been examining several mines in southwestern Oregon investigating the mining situation, left for home Monday to attend to business matters with the intention of returning to this district shortly after the first of the year.

Governor Pierce has called the organization meeting of the new Oregon Mining Survey, created by the last legislature for October 14th, in the office of the governor at Salem. The personnel of the survey is Dean Newton of the School of Mines, P. S. Woodin of Grants Pass, George Weigand of Baker, and W. W. Elmer of Portland. The law creating the new organization also repealed all acts relating to the old bureau of mines, which had been a political football for years, and with the divorcing of politics the mining survey will be of great assistance to the development of the mining industry of the state.

While out hunting last week John R. Bailey, owner of the Atherthougli mine on the Applegate, discovered a new gold vein on top of the mountain within 200 feet of the top of the Great 1 Am road, owned by Harry Wilkins, and Saturday brought specimens of the ore to bureau headquarters for the mineral display. The ore contained free gold and as it is in a good district, located at the headquarters of Farish Gulch, and probably one of the founders of the gravel deposits of the famous old Layton mine, its development will be watched with interest.

Saturday is Meeting Day

The October meeting of the Mining Bureau occurs Saturday, October 10th at 2 o'clock at 211 H. street, Grants Pass. Be your meeting and you should arrange to attend. The first meeting of the new Oregon Mining Survey will be held on October 14th, and such questions as should be taken up with that organization will in all probability be discussed at the Saturday meeting.

New Strike in Jackson County

Ellis Bros. & Sons brought in specimens of ore from the Big Ben mine on Millers Peak in the Upper Steamboat country, Jackson county, yesterday for the bureau's mineral display. The ore is highly mineralized and carries a gold content of about 1/8 a ton, besides other metals. The pay streak is about 18 inches wide in a 16 foot ledge.

E. R. Kirkland has returned from Portland where he has been for a couple of weeks in connection with the Benton mine on Mount Reuben.

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