

FRENCH MINER IS KILLED BY DELAY BLAST

George F. Blanchin, French War Veteran and Well-Known Mining Prospector of Central Point, Victim Accident, Bill Nye Mine.

George F. Blanchin, 48, a miner of Central Point, was instantly killed at the Bill Nye mine above Gold Hill yesterday by a delayed powder blast, which completely decapitated him.

The blast is believed to have taken place yesterday forenoon at 11 o'clock when residents of that section heard the explosion, which was the last they heard for the day.

The body was discovered by Robert H. Moore of Central Point, who walked from Gold Hill to the mine when Blanchin failed to keep an appointment he had made with Moore to meet him in the forenoon in Gold Hill.

Blanchin was called shortly after 1 o'clock, a resident of that section telephoning that a man had been killed at a mine near Gold Hill.

There was no rock in the pit, and it is believed that Blanchin had placed an extra heavy charge of powder in the loose dirt in the belief that the heavy blast would uncover good ore.

Blanchin did not stay in the pit to commit suicide, as the dead man in life had been in good spirits and optimistic over the success of the mine.

Blanchin arrived first in southern Oregon in 1911, but returned to France with the outbreak of the World war to serve his country as an army captain.

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CAROLINE ANDREWS SINGS TO LIONS: SCOUT IS BACKED

Caroline Andrews, introduced as a product of the Rogue River valley, sang today noon at the Lions club luncheon held at the Hotel Holland.

Other features enjoyed by the Lions included two solos by James Stevens, the "Tomcat Song" and "My Sword and I," and violin numbers by Doran Werner, director of the orchestra at the Embassy theatre in New York City.

A telegram received from Ernest Scott, Medford delegate to the Lions convention in session at Des Moines, Iowa, stating that there was a big audience at the meetings, the weather was hot and that everything was going strong.

An announcement was made that the Lions club was invited to enter a float in the civic parade to be held Saturday, August 4, the last day of the American Legion convention.

Guests at the luncheon in addition to the entertainers were Ronald Krings, Medford scout, executive for Crater Lake area council; George Arenz, of Portland, in charge of paving work being done in the city, and J. J. Skinner of the Copco force.

A resolution that the Lions club go on record as favoring the recommendation that Ronald Krings, boy scout, be entered as a candidate in the list from which a companion for Commander Ryd on his proposed trip to the Antarctic will be selected was read as follows:

"Resolved, That As Ronald Krings has admirably lived up to the spirit of scouting and citizenship in this community by keeping himself physically strong, mentally awake and morally straight, and has served to aid and lead the youth of the city through his example and leadership in affairs of a civic nature; we feel that he is qualified and deserving of the honor of the proposed trip to the Antarctic, and that he should receive a vote in this community and a real asset to the proposed party."

The lucky boy will be chosen from approximately 500 candidates. Only scouts between the ages of 17 and 20 years will be considered.

Method of travel, including dog sledging and airplane.

PORTLAND MILLER ASKS NEW RATES ON MILL GRAIN

Through rate privileges on grain subject in Portland and shipped on to Willamette valley or other points tributary to Portland were asked by E. F. Brady, traffic manager for Alvord Brothers Milling company here, a witness today before the Interstate Commerce commission in the hearing on farm products freight rates.

Flour and mill feed manufactured in eastern Oregon are allowed the through rate to Willamette valley points. Brady told the commission, at present, when grain is delivered to a Portland mill its through rate privileges are at an end.

This gives the eastern Oregon mills a great advantage. Brady contended. He asked that the through rate be from the Columbia basin grower to the Willamette valley consumer, with manufacture privileges in Portland.

HOOVER INFORMS FARMER HE WILL EXPLAIN VIEWS

Herbert Hoover, republican presidential nominee, will discuss fully his views on the farm relief question in his speech of acceptance of the nomination August 11 at Palm Alto, Cal., he informed William H. Settle, president of the Indiana farm bureau federation in a telegram today.

Settle had previously sent a telegram to Hoover asking the nominee to state his personal stand on the farm relief question.

"It is my purpose," Hoover said in his message, "to refrain from making any public declaration of position or issue until my acceptance speech when I will deal with the subject fully."

A committee of the farm federation today was considering resolutions concerning the stand the federation should take in the political campaign this fall.

A violent storm raged on the coast of Chile today, destroying a considerable part of the defense works of the port.

The storm advanced southward and in Valparaiso reached great proportions.

PINCHOT ASKED TO LEAD THIRD PARTY COHORTS

Former Governor of Pennsylvania Invited to Lead Radical Dries and Discontented Farmers—Woman Dry Pleads for Hoover.

CHICAGO, July 11.—(AP)—Leaders of the prohibition and farmer-labor parties who have been attempting a fusion of the two, today declared they had approached Gifford Pinchot, former governor of Pennsylvania, and William H. Sweet, former governor of Colorado, as possible presidential candidates for a third party.

According to the convention spokesman, telegrams had been sent the two men.

The six delegates who conferred and recommended a union of the prohibition and farmer-labor parties included L. C. Dale of California, Philip Bennett of Oklahoma and H. J. Berger of Pittsburgh for the prohibitionists and J. E. Spur, El Reno, Okla., Bert Martin of Denver and William V. Mahoney of Washington for the farmer-labor group.

Mrs. Eva C. Wheeler of Los Angeles, president of the southern California Women's Christian Temperance union, today called upon the prohibition party to support Herbert Hoover, the republican nominee, for the presidency.

Mrs. Wheeler is a delegate to the party's convention here.

DOCTOR WHO LEFT SPONGE IN GIRL PATIENT IS FREED

SALEM, Ore., July 11.—(AP)—Dr. Floyd M. Day, surgeon, is upheld by the supreme court today in his defense against Maude Rayburn, who brought against him an action for malpractice.

An abdominal operation was performed upon the plaintiff. Her health failed to improve and a second operation was performed a year later, and it was declared in the former operation the surgeons had left a sponge in the abdomen.

To this the woman attributed her illness. This was denied by the defendant, although he admitted that the sponge had been left in the abdomen. He averred that the sponge was sterile and harmless.

"OUR GEORGE" BURIED WITH MILITARY HONORS

WASHINGTON, July 11.—(AP)—Former Senator George K. Chamberlain of Oregon, who guided the senate military affairs committee through the World war veterans bill, today with military honors in the Arlington national cemetery. He died at his apartment here Monday.

The funeral procession was met at Arlington gates by a khaki-clad escort of two full infantry regiments, a color guard and a firing party.

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SMITH LEADER NAMED

(Continued from Page One) man, New York financier, to head the finance committee, succeeding Jesse H. Jones of Boston.

The national committee then approved a resolution directing the chairman to appoint an advisory committee to assist in working out the details of the campaign and among other things to confer with Governor Smith and Senator Robinson as to their respective nomination dates.

Esakob announced the selection of Senator Gerry of Rhode Island as chairman of this committee.

The national committee elected Edward E. Halsey of Virginia as sergeant at arms.

NEW YORK, July 11.—(AP) Altho John J. Esakob, who was today named chairman of the democratic committee, served on President Wilson's industrial conference in 1918, he is listed a republican in the sketch of his life in "Who's Who in America."

MAIM-GRIN FOUND (Continued from Page One) 50 pounds of provisions, but so far as known had no arms.

The purpose of the group was to reach Kinkas Bay base to bring help to their comrades who were stranded near Foy's island in a tiny encampment centered about a small tent.

Experienced Explorer. Dr. Malgren was widely experienced in life in the Arctic because of his previous studies as a meteorologist in that region. While he was known to be well able to take care of himself and his two companions despite the Arctic hardships, it was feared that the landing was too treacherous and they never would be heard from.

A message was received in Moscow early today stating that the Russian flier Chukhovsky, who has been making flights from the ice breaker Krassin, now near Foy's island, made the discovery in a reconnaissance flight.

Chukhovsky himself was recently missing for several days when he made a forced landing, but was able to fly back to the base ship safely.

OSLO, Norway, July 11.—(AP)—The Italian legion received a wireless message from the base ship Citta di Milano, filed from Svalbard at 2 o'clock this morning, denying reports of the death of Natale Cecconi, motor chief of the dirigible Italia.

ROME, July 11.—(AP)—No message has been received in Rome from Giuseppe Bogli, wireless operator with the Italia's men stranded off Northeast land, such as has been published abroad to the effect that the party was losing courage and becoming increasingly despondent.

A spokesman for the air ministry said wireless communication with the group had ceased temporarily because of a magnetic storm.

\$100,000 DIAMOND ROBBERY PULLED IN LOS ANGELES

LOS ANGELES, July 10.—(AP) A robber today escaped with diamonds estimated to be worth \$100,000 after holding up a salesman in the Jewelers' building in the downtown district.

Jacob Peck, the salesman, told police a young, neatly dressed man pressed a revolver to his body and grabbed his brief case filled with jewel gems. He believed the same man had been following him for several days.

The robber fled from the main corridor of the building, where the holdup occurred, out onto Hill street, where he was lost in the crowd.

Peck believed that because of the fact that the diamonds were unset, that if the robber was not captured shortly, identification of the jewels would be impossible.

Peck resides in Long Beach, Cal.

18 PASSENGERS INJURED WHEN BUS HITS TRUCK

SEATTLE, July 11.—(AP)—Eighteen passengers were injured, two seriously, when a North Coast Transportation company bus, en route from Portland, side-swung a garbage truck here today.

Henry H. Lovgren, Rooster, Wash., with a fractured skull, was in a critical condition, and Mrs. H. J. Wagner, New York city, suffered internal injuries and shock. Others who were taken to a hospital were: H. W. David, Vancouver, Cal., cuts and bruises; John Enos, Seattle, severe shock and abrasions; George Hutson, cuts and bruises; and Mrs. Hutson, his wife, minor injuries and shock.

Other passengers were badly shaken and received cuts and bruises, but declined hospital treatment.

Charles Conahan, driver of the bus, was ordered to police headquarters for questioning. Louis Mingolia was the driver of the garbage truck. Witnesses said the bus turned out when too close to the truck and the right side of the bus was ripped open, spilling the passengers on the street.

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