



FIERY CRASH—Critically injured, Thomas McNally lies sprawled on pavement of San Francisco-Oakland Bay Bridge approach in Oakland, Calif., while his car burns fiercely in the background. McNally was severely burned when his car smashed into a traffic divider and caught fire. Passersby bent flames on his clothing.

Jungle-Bred Leopard Roams At Large in Oklahoma City

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Coal Negotiators Meeting Today For New Strike Talks

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Washington, Feb. 25—(U.P.)—The soft coal negotiators, heartened by what was described as an "encouraging" all-day session, agreed today to meet Sunday for a new try at settling their drawn-out contract dispute.

The extraordinary Sunday conference was set for 11 a.m. That appeared to lend weight to persistent reports that the government is threatening drastic action—presumably seizure of the coal fields—unless the deadlock is broken by Sunday night.

Five Hours Talk
Union and management conferees agreed on the Sunday meeting after five hours of direct bargaining during which they were reported officially to have buckled down to dollars-and-cents talk.

It was learned that the coal mine operators still have not made a specific contract proposal but there were strong indications that they are willing now to settle for something more than they granted in their last contract.

Some cautious optimism also was generated by the surprise appearance of the United Mine Workers' 25 district presidents. They were called here early today and told to stand by over the week-end.

Government's Plans
Barring a break in the deadlock tomorrow, informed sources looked for the government to intervene with some drastic action to reopen the mines and replenish the nation's vanishing coal reserves.

Seizure of the strike-bound bituminous fields seemed the only effective line open to the government. But no one in authority would say that action was imminent.

The White House said President Truman plans no action today or tomorrow in the crisis, which already has forced almost a score of states and numerous local authorities to order brownouts, fuel rationing and other emergency measures.

Kills Wife, Children And Commits Suicide
El Cajon, Cal., Feb. 25—(U.P.)—An iron worker shot and killed his estranged wife and two children, wounded another child, then killed himself today, as a climax to marital difficulties, the sheriff's office reported.

Theodore T. Bowyer, 52, left a note saying he shot his children four hours after killing his wife because "I didn't want them pushed around."

The tragedy was discovered when a milkman, who summoned officers, found a note pinned to the cottage door. "Don't come in. Call the law."

The bodies of Bowyer and his wife, Elizabeth, 32, were found in a front room. Mrs. Bowyer was on a couch and Bowyer was half-kneeling beside her. In a front bedroom the body of their 13-year-old daughter, Edith Kathleen, was sprawled across the bed.

Theodore Jr., 8, and Patricia, 10, lay in separate beds in a rear bedroom, critically wounded. They were taken to La Mesa hospital where the boy died.

Ouster Of School Head Investigated In State
West Linn, Ore., Feb. 25—(U.P.)—The ouster of William Emigh as principal of West Linn Williamette school was investigated today by two representatives of the Oregon Education Association's ethics committee.

Emigh's contract was terminated by the school board after he was offered a chance to resign. Inquiry into the case resulted from a complaint made by a member of the Willamette Parent-Teachers association.

Gives No Hint
L. Peers Wilmet—The Ashland municipal judge, Wilmet has been prominently mentioned as a potential candidate for both houses of the state legislature. He gave no public hint at the meeting as to his decision.

Rader spoke briefly on his dissatisfaction with the present state administration, and what he termed the need for "representatives who will represent all the people." It is understood he is considering becoming a candidate for the legislature, and is awaiting the clarification of personal affairs before deciding.

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Employment Upturn Earliest In World War Action

Salem, Ore., Feb. 25—(U.P.)—Oregon's seasonal upturn in employment came earlier this winter than at any time since the war, the state unemployment compensation commission reported today.

When the extended cold spell ended in early February, many lumbering operations reopened and several large construction projects went into action for a busy spring season.

By mid-February at least 6,000 workers were back on seasonal jobs and prospects seemed good, the commission said, that March will find the level of employment considerably above last year and probably approaching the record peak of 1948.

In February 1949, the number of non-agricultural jobs slumped to 376,300, nearly 24,000 below the previous winter. Preliminary reports indicate current employment around 390,000.

A further pick-up of 15,000 in the next 30 days could bring mid-March figures equal to the 405,700 seasonal high two years ago.

The late turning point of last winter resulted in all 1949 monthly totals falling slightly below the all-time tops of 1948. But Oregon employers and officials look for 1950 employment to be the greatest in the history of the state.

3,000 Back in Mills
Nearly 3,000 logging and lumber workers went back to the woods and mills during the first half of February, reports from local offices showed. Douglas fir operators in western Oregon, where the weather moderated markedly, led the way.

Pine mills and others in the eastern part of the state were expected to resume activities as soon as weather permits. Although the number of workers in the wood industries did not drop to last winter's 55,000 low, the increased volume of current orders could bring an even more rapid return than last spring, when employment jumped 20,000 between February and April, the commission said.

At least 2,000 construction workers returned to their jobs early in February, marking recovery from the lowest employment point in this industry since 1946.

Lone Pine grade school captured first place honors in the non-high school district basketball tournament by defeating St. Mary's 22 to 16 at the Oak Grove gym Saturday night to end a three-day tournament.

Oak Grove school won fourth place by downing Howard 24 to 10 and Shady Cove captured the consolation round championship by walloping Elk-Triple 20 to 2.

St. Peter's will meet Four-square at 7 p.m. and First Presbyterian will play St. Mary's about 8 p.m. at the YMCA gym Wednesday in the first round playoff for the local Church Basketball league championship.

Saturday evening's games saw First Methodist top St. Mark's 28 to 20, Four-square topple St. Mary's 43 to 16, First Presbyterian defeat Central Church 21 to 17 and St. Peter's down First Christian 20 to 11.

Eugene, Ore., Feb. 25—(U.P.)—Oregon muffled Oregon State 45-40 in a coast conference basketball game Saturday night.

Cornell 57, Harvard 47, Holy Cross 70, Brown 45, Princeton 74, Yale 51, Northwestern 76, Michigan 55, Auburn 55, Georgia 46, Nebraska 56, Iowa State 54, Florida 59, Georgia Tech 41, Syracuse 46, Penn State 44, Villanova 65, North Carolina State 64, Kansas 78, Colorado 60, Tennessee 69, Mississippi 57, Baylor 57, Texas Christian 42, Penn State 61, Marquette 75, Michigan St. 58, Pittsburgh 55, W. Virginia 53, Kentucky 70, Vanderbilt 66, Idaho 48, Washington 45, Southern Methodist 57, Arkansas 48.

Bradley 42, Oklahoma A & M 35, Clemson 70, Maryland 68, Davidson 87, Citadel 48, Nevada 75, St. Mary's 67, Chico 59, Cal Aggies 58.

Six Killed In Brazil
Rio De Janeiro, Brazil, Feb. 25—(U.P.)—At least six persons were killed and 26 injured, some seriously, when a crowded bus plunged down a cliff on the Rio De Janeiro-Bahia highway today.

Coming down a steep hill into a curve, the brakes failed to hold and the bus crashed down into a ravine, about 60 miles north of day.

WEATHER
FORECAST: Increasing cloudiness this morning with early morning light rain. Becoming partly cloudy with occasional showers and cooler this afternoon and evening.

Temperature
Highest yesterday 43
Lowest yesterday 43

Two professed candidates spoke at the meeting. They were Andrew L. Unger, who is seeking the Medford justice of the peace position and who gave some of the story of his life and his position on old age pensions and highway truck laws; and Delroy Aldershot, city police officer who is a candidate for sheriff.

Aldershot said that if elected he would stand for "strict enforcement of the law." He would not "profit from overlooking violations of the law," he said, and stated that gambling, bootleg-

ing, selling of liquor to minors and other violations are currently being permitted.

Would Clean County
"If I am elected, I'll clear out the back-room card games, slot machines and the punchboards until they are legalized," he declared. "Violators will be prosecuted to the full extent of the law," he added, and said that one of his aims is a better relationship between the people of the county and the sheriff's office.

Mrs. Edward C. Kelly, chairman of the county committee,

Attlee To Organize New Cabinet Before Parliament Meets

Few Say Government Will Last That Long

London, Feb. 25—(U.P.)—Labor decided today to carry on. Prime Minister Clement Attlee announced he will form a new cabinet before the new parliament meets on March 1.

The announcement came from No. 10 Downing street after the stunned labor party met for 1 hour and 15 minutes to discuss their plight.

No one believed the new labor government could last long, so slim was its majority. Another election was certain. Forecasts on its date ranged from late spring to late fall, but it may occur before.

Wins 315 Seats
After five unchallenged years Attlee's labor party won 315 seats in the house of commons Thursday, a bare majority plus two—not nearly enough to control the oldest parliamentary body in the world.

The future of the new cabinet, therefore, was dismal. The government can concoct a watered-down program and go slow. But if it is defeated on a really big issue it must resign. Or it can go slug bang ahead with its great nationalization plans and force a new election at once.

Churchill Silent
As a sort of caretaker government it can shepherd the budget through commons, before the fiscal year begins April 1, but a lot depends on the attitude of Winston Churchill.

Not a word has yet been heard from the wartime prime minister, that 75-year-old master strategist of the conservatives. The old tory statesman will meet Tuesday with his advisers and his so-called shadow cabinet, to map out his program.

Russ Build Powerful Fleet, Moscow Says
London, Feb. 25—(U.P.)—The Soviet Union announced Saturday night that it had created a ministry of the navy for the first time in Russian history.

The announcement, broadcast by Radio Moscow, came as Russia was reported to be engaged in an all-out effort to build the world's most powerful battle fleet.

The broadcast also said the name of the Soviet ministry of armed forces had been changed to that of ministry of the army of the U.S.S.R.

It has been known generally that Russia has been building up her navy at a rapid pace in recent months, concentrating mainly on submarines.

Mean Father Slayer Gets Family Backing
Clawson, Mich., Feb. 25—(U.P.)—A work-worn widow and her six children today mustered support for their son and brother, confessed slayer of his "unbelievably mean" father.

"We've always been a close family," 54-year-old Mrs. Ruth James said as she sat in her ramshackle, cinder-block home. "We're going to stick together in this time of trouble."

Her son, Marine Sergeant Carson James, was jailed at Prescott, Ariz., on a charge of shooting his father, Stanley, through the heart more than two years ago. James, 27, is awaiting extradition to Michigan.

"My husband was a cruel, mean man," Mrs. James said. "In his own way, I believe Carson did what he thought was right."

SMOKE INVESTIGATED
Firemen about 7 p.m. yesterday investigated a report of smoke at the Toy House, 28 South Bartlett street; no fire was found.

Men, Bloodhounds Seek Animal Gone From Pen In Zoo

Animal Believed To Have Jumped Fence

Oklahoma City, Feb. 25—(U.P.)—A jungle-bred leopard leaped from a 20-foot pit in Lincoln park zoo this afternoon and police two hours later broadcast a warning that the dangerous cat had been seen to leave the rugged park area three miles northeast of the city.

About 20 zoo employees and police, armed with high-powered rifles and shotguns, had poked cautiously through a 20-acre zoo tract before learning the cat had jumped a six-foot fence to escape. Bloodhounds Called

The hunters called for bloodhounds to track the animal as 200 spokesmen warned that 175 pounds of "zeased lightning" which would kill if possible anything it got close to.

For a week the India-bred leopard had been springing at the wall of the pit. The first word that he made the seemingly impossible jump to freedom came from half a dozen boys who ran to the home of an attendant.

Julian Frazier, zoo keeper, said the animal had been moved from a more shallow pit because of his leaps.

"There's a moat with a little rise in the middle of the pen," Frazier said. "The leopard apparently jumped from the rise to the side of the pen and then bounded over the front wall like a billiard player shooting off a cushion."

Frazier brought the cat to the zoo last Saturday, after receiving him from the boat which carried him from India. The cat first was placed in a 14-foot pit but was moved to the deeper enclosure when he began his practice jumps.

The pit is carved from rock. Most of the wall is of natural stone. A wooden railing from which visitors view the animals tops the wall.

Friends Of Dr. Sander Appealing For Funds
Manchester, N. H., Feb. 25—(U.P.)—The friends and patients of Dr. Hermann N. Sander appealed today for nationwide help in raising \$20,000 to finance his attempt to prove himself innocent of the murder of Mrs. Abbie C. Borroto.

A fund committee was formed to help the doctor meet the "crushing expenses" involved in his trial and the members promised to do everything possible to help him prove that Mrs. Borroto died of cancer and not from air pumped into her veins.

George Woodbury, of Manchester, patient and friend of Dr. Sander, is chairman of the committee. He disclaimed any connection with the Euthanasia Society of America and said the committee was formed because Sander has not been able to earn a cent since his arraignment on January 5.

U. S. Naval Captain Death Investigated
Vienna, Austria, Feb. 25—(U.P.)—Official investigators raised new speculation today that the ex-pressman death of U. S. Naval Captain Eugene S. Karpe was the result of an international plot.

Interior Minister Oscar Helmer said Karpe probably was murdered. The dead man was a close friend of U. S. Businessman Robert A. Vogeler, who was convicted as a spy in Hungary earlier this week. Karpe had just visited Vogeler's family in Elenna and was en route to Paris when he plunged from the speeding Orient express train Thursday.

BULLETIN
Spokane, Feb. 25—(U.P.)—An east-bound Spokane Portland and Seattle railroad streamliner struck a rock and was derailed near Washucna, Wash., 73 miles southwest of here today. SP & S traveling Engineer Jacob Wamser reported.

Wamser said he understood no one was hurt seriously but that several doctors had been summoned to the scene from Riverville, Wash., 20 miles north of Washucna.

25 Felonies Occur In Past 3 Weeks Here

With more than 25 felonies reported in Jackson county in the past three weeks, law enforcement agencies here have been working overtime to dispose of criminal cases that have kept the county jail filled almost to capacity. Friday seven admitted felons were taken to circuit court for pleas and sentencing.

Three youths received three-year prison sentences and will be transferred to the state penitentiary in Salem. Four others pleaded guilty to district attorney's information but sentence-

ing has been continued for further investigation of their pasts and pre-sentence reports from the state parole officer.

Cleotis Lee Davies, 18, and Ronald Edwin Sequin, 21, both of Medford, were given three-year sentences on grand larceny charges involving the theft of a power saw, and Elwood Vanzandt, 23, also of Medford, received a similar sentence for forgery. All had previous criminal records and Vanzandt was wanted by authorities in states outside Oregon.

Guilty pleas were entered by William Patrick Collins, for grand larceny; Donald Steele Thompson, for burglary not in a dwelling; Louis Roy Valdez, for larceny from an auto, and by Kenneth William Kohn, for taking an automobile without the permission of the owner.

Rex Joseph Coy and Earl Gorman Edison, indicted by a grand jury Thursday for sex crimes, are scheduled to appear in circuit court Monday at 9 a. m. for pleas and arraignment.

Earthquake Shakes California Cities
Ventura, Cal., Feb. 25—(U.P.)—A sharp earthquake shook Ventura county and surrounding areas today. Several stores reported broken windows, and one house was reported shaken from its foundation.

No injuries were reported. The shock was strongest in the Ventura-Santa Paula district but was felt as far north as Santa Barbara. To the south, police in Los Angeles said they also had a few calls from persons who thought they felt a quake.

The tremor, shortly after 4 p. m., was preceded by a noise resembling the sound of an explosion. The first shock was followed a few seconds later by another, smaller jar.

In Ojai, one man reported he was tossed out of bed.

South Central Avenue Fires Need Dousing
City firemen called to the rear of 304 South Central avenue for a shed fire Saturday about 10:30 p.m. also found a smaller fire practically next door at 244 South Central.

Firefighters said they found flames shooting high into the air when they reached the 304 address but quick work with two hose lines confined the blaze to a shed. About 10th street a small fire in back of 244 South Central required but a few moments work.

Damage could not be estimated late Saturday night.

Nine Year Old Found Dead In Vacant Lot
New York Feb. 25—(U.P.)—A nine-year-old boy, his neck broken, was found dead today in a vacant lot eight days after he ran away from his stepmother's home.

Dr. Jacob Werne, assistant Queens medical examiner, said an autopsy showed the boy had died from two dislocated vertebrae. He had been dead about 24 hours.

Police said the child might have died in a fall, but did not rule out foul play because of the location of the body.

The child was identified as Henry McKendry.

ARRAIGNED
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