

FORTY MINERS ARE ENTOMBED

Troubled Republic of China Suffering

Hundreds of Thousands Threatened With Starvation Owing to Internal Dissensions

NEW YORK, Sept. 25.—(United Press)—Hundreds of thousands, probably millions of persons living in China today, will die of starvation in the famine which recorded facts show almost without doubt is on the way to the troubled republic.

The conditions which caused the death by starvation of upwards of 10,000,000 Chinese in the famine of 1878 rapidly are reproducing themselves in China today. In the words of Walter H. Mallory, executive secretary of the China International Famine relief commission with headquarters in Peking:

"The basis for the worst famine in many years is being laid now in China."

Ducks Released; No Disease Found Reports Expert

Conclusive proof that the duck disease in Tule lake district is not the sinister waterfowl evil which earlier magnified reports may have indicated, was given yesterday afternoon when the ducks under observation in a pen on Link river here for the past two weeks, were released perfectly healthy.

Nearly a dozen of the alleged sick ducks were placed in the pen located on fresh water, some time ago by George Tonkin, California game warden, and fed regularly, all for experiment. When the birds were turned out, each duck and the one goose in the pen winged waterward with all their former strength.

The short period on fresh water and with sufficient feed, is believed to be sufficient proof that no disease is prevalent among the thousands of ducks and geese at Tule lake in northern California. Sanitary conditions at the lake have been under inspection of California game officials for some time and last week a shipment of ducks was made to laboratories at Berkeley. Examination of the ducks and laboratory tests are progressing in fine shape, according to Tonkin who returned late Friday from the south, but results are not ready to be announced.

R. C. Steele, U. S. game warden for this district, will arrive here from Portland today, Tonkin stated, to study the situation, and next week Dr. E. W. Nelson, chief of the bureau of biological survey, will be here from Washington, D. C.

It Was Different When Cops Tangle In Auto Accident

PORTLAND, Sept. 25.—(United Press)—Two automobiles crashed, oaths cracked and two irate men leaped from their machines definitely determined to "find out about this reckless driving."

"What the ———" began Patrolman Dick Mobley, driver of one of the machines. Then he grinned. "Hello Levens," he finished.

Patrolman F. E. Levens, driver of the other car, relaxed his muscles and his face crinkled with a grin. "These accidents will happen," said Mobley.

"Sure, will," replied Levens. "See you later."

ESKIMOS, INDIANS OF THIS CONTINENT ASIATIC DESCENT

SAN FRANCISCO, Sept. 25.—(United News)—Eskimos and Indians of North and South America are of Asiatic descent, in the belief of Professor Ales Hrdlicka, New York anthropologist who has returned from a scientific expedition to Alaska.

Dr. Hrdlicka expects to present the theory that Asiatics migrated to America countless centuries ago by means of islands which virtually bridged the two continents. He has brought back with him skeletons of primitive Asiatic implements, unearthed in the Arctic, which he believes will prove his contentions.

Motorcycle Cop Killed; Alleged Bootlegger Held

Second Patrolman Shot When Officers Attempt to Accost Man Suspicion of Having Liquor in His Possession

ST. LOUIS, Mo., Sept. 25.—(United Press)—A motorcycle patrolman was killed and another patrolman wounded in a running pistol battle with a man believed to have been a bootlegger on the lawn of the fashionable Hotel Chase today.

The patrolman killed was Eugene Lovely, while Thomas J. Jones, a second officer, was shot in the leg. Police are holding Louis Fagan in connection with the shooting as both he and his daughter were riding in the motor car from which the bootlegger leaped when accosted by officers.

Lovely and Jones accosted the car in which Fagan and the other men were riding, and ordered it to halt. The car sped forward. Near the intersection of Kings highway and Lindell boulevard, one of the most fashionable corners in the city, the man leaped from the car and started running toward the Chase hotel. He fired several shots at the officers, killing Lovely and wounding Jones. The man escaped.

Midland Market Surfacing to Be Greatly Speeded

Surfacing the work on the Midland Market road will be greatly speeded up with the arrival of a steam shovel from Portland, for which Joe Rocco, contractor on the road improvement, wired yesterday.

"The county rock crushing which is grinding out our surfacing material, is completely set up near Midland," Rocco stated, "and we have laid about one half mile of the first base. The crusher is too large to be fed at a capacity rate by workmen, but with a steam shovel throwing rock into the crusher, we should be able to finish the surfacing in another month's time."

Rocco's men have been working on the Midland project for nearly a month, most of that time having been spent in preparation for surface laying over the five and one-half miles of improvement for which the contract calls.

Crater Lake to Close Season on Next Thursday

With the boatmen all gone and other employes departing for the winter, the final exodus of those who carry on the work at Crater Lake lodge during the outing season, will take place next Thursday when the park hostelry closes for the year, according to Bud Anderson, desk clerk, who was in this city yesterday.

Crater Lake national park will remain open, of course, Anderson pointed out, but on the last day of September the massive doors of the huge rustic lodge, following one of the best seasons of its history, will swing shut until next spring.

"There are still a few tourists at the park," Anderson said, "but the number of cars stopping there has dwindled considerably." Only patches of the snow which fell during the storm several days ago, now, and the prospects are that roads will be in good shape for some time to come, he said.

Coolidge Informed Political Situation

Senator McNary of Oregon Explains Matters Upon Return From Scattered Sections

WASHINGTON, Sept. 25.—(United Press)—President Coolidge received direct information today of the republican political situation in the west and the state of the farmers.

Senator McNary (republican, Oregon) member of the senatorial campaign committee, called at the white house immediately upon his return from a cross-country trip, and the meeting of the party leaders in Chicago.

The republican political situation is much better than the pessimists would believe, McNary said, and he believes the signs point to the retention of the numerical republican majority in both houses of congress.

Condition of the farmers is insufficiently improved over last year, he declared. Incessant rains have hurt the corn crop and wheat production is slightly below the average year. Necessity for relief legislation still prevails, he said. Because of these prevailing conditions, McNary said, he would reintroduce his McNary-Haugen farm surplus bill at the December session of congress, though he was not over-optimistic about squeezing it through the crowded calendars to final adoption.

McNary said his new bill will be simplified by elimination of the 700-word clauses regarding the manner in which members of the administrative farm board were to be chosen. He will also drop the provision which specified that the revolving fund could purchase wheat at only a fair price. Their elimination will not change the theory of the bill in the least, he believes.

There was no indication that the president is wavering in his opposition to the McNary-Haugen bill, McNary did not discuss the president's attitude toward the measure.

Former Teacher Here to Discuss Social Problems

Of special interest to all workers with young people is the address to be given at the Christian church Sunday morning by Miss Donna Mack on "Spiritual Illiteracy and American Democracy." Miss Mack, a former teacher in the local high school, studied last year in the department of religious education of Boston university, and is well equipped to discuss her subject in an inspiring manner. An invitation is extended to all teachers and others interested in religious and social problems.

Mrs. Loughlin to Build Home That Is Real Beauty

Continued activity in Klamath Falls home building circles was pre-empted yesterday when Mrs. Mary E. Loughlin signed for \$3800 worth of house construction permits in the city clerk's office.

Two four-room dwellings with garages, to cost \$2500 each, are to be erected by Mrs. Loughlin on Cook street, and two three-room houses are to be built on Reams street, each costing \$1900. The latter places are also to have garages.

Other permits written yesterday were: Small house in industrial addition to be erected by Lloyd G. Cox at a cost of \$600; glassed-in porch on the Josephine M. Irwin house on Fourth street, to cost \$60; and a porch to be built by F. H. Day, approximate cost \$200.

NO COMICS

Owing to delay in railroad shipments the usual Comic Supplement is omitted today, much to our regret.

Provision has been made to guard against a repetition of this, and the usual funny pages can be expected next Sunday without fail.

McPherson Case To Be Heard by L. A. Grand Jury

Scores of Witnesses Being Notified That Appearance Will Be Necessary Monday to Tell Their Version

LOS ANGELES, Sept. 25.—(United Press)—Scores of witnesses were being rounded up by Los Angeles county authorities tonight to testify against Almee Semple McPherson, evangelist, when she and her associates face preliminary hearing Monday on charges of manufacturing fake evidence to support her famous "kidnaping" tale.

The prosecution plans to present several witnesses at the outset of the hearing who will attempt to identify the evangelist as the woman who sojourned for ten days in a cottage at Carmel-by-the-Sea with Kenneth G. Ormiston, her former radio operator.

H. C. Benedict, owner of the Carmel bungalow, and Ralph Swanson, grocery boy who made daily deliveries at the asserted rendezvous are to be witnesses in the state's effort to prove that Mrs. McPherson was associating with the radio man during her mysterious absence from Angelus temple, and was not a captive of kidnapers, as she avers.

Benedict and Swanson at first reported "missing" by process servers had been located tonight and will be ready to take the stand Monday, District Attorney Asa Keyes announced. Both will testify, it was stated, that to the best of their knowledge Almee McPherson was the woman with Ormiston at the seaside resort.

Eight other witnesses from Carmel and more than a dozen more from Santa Barbara, San Luis Obispo, Los Angeles and other southern (Continued on Page Four)

Big Milling Plant Saved by Prompt Work of Firemen

Fire caused sparks from an open incinerator, threatened the Wheeler-Olmstead sawmill here shortly after 6 o'clock yesterday evening, for nearly two hours, while the local fire department fought valiantly to gain control of the flames.

The sawmill blaze was the first of a series of fires throughout the city which resulted in both trucks being called into action.

Two small buildings in the vicinity of the Wheeler-Olmstead mill, were in flames before the fire truck could reach the scene of the threatened conflagration. These were demolished and a small two-room house was virtually destroyed when sparks from a flaming garage near the latter building set it ablaze.

Running through dry grass, the fire kept part of the hoemen busy protecting the office buildings at the mill for a time. During a stretch of probably two hours, about 12 minor blazes from flying sparks broke out in the vicinity of the mill, Fire Chief Keith Ambrose stated.

The fire chief was unable to give an estimate of the damage at the mill, but is of the opinion that it was small, due to the fact that the men were able to keep the flames out of larger structures.

The fires which broke out in the city, calling on the small fire truck, were all grass burns and resulted in no damage, although for a while it was believed a barn on Spring street would catch. Bystanders hurriedly removed two hours from the threatened structure. The grass fires are reported to have been caused by flying sparks from the dinky engines operated by the Utah Construction company in connection with work at the new terminal.

WEATHER REPORT
OREGON—Fair and warmer Sunday; Monday fair; low humidity; gentle to moderate northwest winds.

Merger of Lumbering Reported As Close

Kansas City Man Says Capital Stock Will Reach \$400,000,000; Many Interested

KANSAS CITY, Mo., Sept. 25.—(United Press)—Plans looking towards consolidation of approximately 70 fir lumber concerns on the Pacific coast into one company will be discussed at a series of conferences here next week, between officials of the various companies.

Properties to be represented have a total value of between \$350,000,000 and \$400,000,000 and if the consolidation is effected it will be one of the largest single organizations of its kind in the world, it is claimed.

C. D. Johnson of the Pacific Spruce corporation of Portland, Oregon, is chairman of a committee of five which has the contemplated merger under consideration.

Kansas City interests are represented by the Oregon-American Lumber company, a subsidiary of the Central Coal and Coke company, one of the largest fuel concerns in the state.

The purpose of the proposed consolidation, according to C. S. Keith, president of the Central Coal and Coke company, is to place the fir lumber business on a profitable basis from the standpoint of manufacturing, preparation and distribution.

At present the chief difficulty is proper preparation and distribution, according to Keith. Through consolidation of the various interests, this trouble would be eliminated, it is believed. The plan under contemplation calls for purchase of all assets of the selling corporations for cash or its equivalent in stock in the main corporation. The companies interested are in British Columbia and the states of Washington and Oregon, representing about 35 per cent in the fir belt.

Holdings of the Central Coal and Coke company on the Pacific coast are valued at \$27,000,000.

Randall Small, Your Father III, Write to Mother

Randall Small is wanted, and he should communicate with his mother. His father is very sick in a hospital and it is greatly desired that the young man get in communication with his mother without delay.

Sheriff Burt Hawkins has received a request from Mrs. Small asking assistance in locating the son, and the sheriff in turn has appealed to the Klamath News to assist in the search.

Pet Superstition Of Firemen Came To Pass Quickly

The firemen's pet superstition that the third alarm following two false ones, always means a fire, was carried out according to formula late Friday night when a small blaze on Michigan avenue forced local foremen out of their warm beds.

Two "wrong number" telephone calls at the fire station Friday afternoon brought every man to his place on the big truck before it was learned that in each case the party had called the wrong office. Consequently the boys were anticipating a third call before dawn, and it came just before midnight. The fire was of no consequence, having been started by an engine, but served to bear the time-honored belief, firemen declare.

HORSE RUSTLING GROWING POPULAR IN STATE OREGON

VALE, Ore., Sept. 25.—(United News)—"Horse rustling" is becoming common again and ranchers now are taking new precautions to safeguard their range animals.

The sudden increase of rustlers was brought to attention by the return of three grand jury indictments charging larceny of horses.

Until recently inhabitants of the range country had not considered horses worth stealing. But apparently they have risen in value, and ranchmen declare that increased operations of a Portland fertilizer factory have prompted the hunting of wild horses.

Five-Day Week Is Formally Brought to Pass By Ford

This Will Be Exclusive of Saturday or Sunday; Order Follows Experiments Conducted for Some Time

DETROIT, Sept. 25.—(United News)—The Ford Motor company's production plants will henceforth be operated on a weekly schedule of five eight-hour days, exclusive of Saturday and Sunday, it was announced today.

Definite curtailment of the work week to five days follows experiments conducted in various departments of the company during the past months and post-dated by 12 years Henry Ford's epochal announcement that his minimum wage would be \$5 a day, which has since been increased to \$6 a day.

Readjustments in wage scales are to be made, working not so much from the present minimum of \$6 as from the value of the workers' services. On such a merit basis some men who worked five days during the experimental period actually received the equivalent of six days of pay.

For the present the five-day week will not include employees of the Ford railroad, nor maintenance men.

Bellman Plans to Spend Winter in Southern Climes

"I have no intentions of entering the Klamath Falls mayoralty race this year, or any other year, and I wouldn't take the job as a gift," was the positive assertion of A. A. Bellman, local realtor, last evening, following the announcement in a local newspaper that he is considered a potential candidate on the November ballot.

"No one has approached me concerning possible candidacy, and the idea of becoming mayor of this thriving city has never entered my head," he declared. "In fact the first I knew of the reported candidacy was when I read it in the paper."

"I am planning to spend this winter in Cuba and will leave for that clime in the near future. There is absolutely no authenticity to the story that I have political aspirations, and I want to make my stand perfectly clear," Bellman stated.

Auto Thefts Show Decided Increase; Another Car Taken

Further activities by auto thieves in this city were brought to light last night when the U-Drive Auto company here reported the theft of a large sedan late yesterday afternoon.

The car was left parked in front of a billiard hall on Main street, and when the driver returned shortly afterward, discovered the loss and reported it to the police station. No trace had been found of the car at a late hour last night, but it was believed that the automobile will turn up this morning. Police advanced this supposition on the theory that someone stole the car to drive to some nearby dance hall last night.

The coupe which P. Foster lost by theft Thursday night and reported to the police, was found yesterday parked at the rear of a local hotel, undamaged, except for the loss of an auto robe, car tools and a pillow. None of the tires were removed from the car.

F. J. Hoyt's car, stolen Thursday night, has not been located.

Thousands of Tons of Rock Must be Moved

Fate of Ironweed, Michigan, Men Not Known; May Take Days to Reach Unfortunates

IRONWOOD, Mich., Sept. 25.—(United Press)—Beat by trying conditions rescue workers were tearing at thousands of tons of rock in the G. Papst mine today, attempting to reach 40 miners who were imprisoned by a cave-in.

Five hundred men, some of them officials and clerks of the mining company, labored at sinking a new shaft to the eighth level, 500 feet underground, ignoring the biting, frost-touched winds, which swept in from Lake Superior.

The fate of the 40 imprisoned men is unknown, but they are not believed to have been harmed by the rock fall, and at the present rate of progress may be reached some time Sunday.

Tonight, hastily erected flood lights illuminated the scene, while women carried steaming pots of coffee and hot food to the rescue workers.

Every available man was on the job and the sinking of a new shaft went forward without the employment of (Continued on Page Four)

Traffic Violators Get Acquaintance With City Judge

Five traffic violators, three of whom appeared before Police Judge Gaghen and paid their fines, were arrested here yesterday by Traffic Officer Morgan in a Saturday campaign against speeding and reckless driving on the city streets.

The final arrest came late yesterday when J. Pachalke, driving a light delivery butchershop car, was picked up on East Main street traveling at an alleged speed of 40 miles an hour. In a hurry no doubt, to get his deliveries finished early, the traffic cop tersely remarked. The other speeder whose arrest was made too late for appearance before the judge, was R. Hawkins, apprehended while driving some 30 miles per hour on Oregon avenue.

R. E. Baker and F. C. Fuller paid five-dollar fines to the police judge yesterday on a charge of speeding on East Main street and F. M. Sherman was taxed one dollar for parking in the fire zone.

J. Anderson, San Francisco, admitted having noticed the "no parking" sign in front of which he parked his car and cheerfully handed the court a dollar clearance money.

Traffic Officer Morgan continued his drive against traffic ordinance violators until a late hour last night, and by writing the pink slips to five offenders, materially increased his high average for the day.

Among the later arrests was that of A. Traversy, charged with (Continued on Page Four)

Wife Is Murdered When She Refused To Darn His Socks

COUNCIL BLUFFS, Ia., Sept. 25.—(United Press)—Clayton Van Dorman, young Omaha society youth, who confessed to murdering his wife because "she refused to darn my socks," was found guilty of first degree murder here tonight.

The jury recommended that Van Dorman be sentenced to life imprisonment.

State's attorneys have asked the death penalty.

During the trial Van Dorman repudiated the "confession" and his attorneys attempted to show the state had never proved the woman to have been murdered.