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POWER SALE BLOCK

20 Miners Killed in Coal Mine Explosion

Thirty-one Injured and Some are Expected to Die; Fate of Seven in Shaft Undetermined.

PRINCETON, Ind., Dec. 9. (U.N.)—Twenty miners were killed and 31 injured, some believed fatally, today in an explosion at Francisco coal mine No. 2, according to check announced by mine officials tonight.

The fate of seven others who were still in the shaft was unknown, but officials said it was almost certain they were dead.

Twenty bodies have been recovered. Thirty-one of the crew of 71 caught in the blast were in hospitals seriously burned and several are expected to die. Only 13 men escaped unhurt.

The explosion occurred this morning as a crew of 100 miners was entering the shaft for the day's work. Only 71 had reached the workings on a 300-foot level when a huge volume of gas, believed ignited by sparks from an electric cutting machine, exploded.

A blinding flash sent a solid sheet of flame sweeping through the shaft. Had the explosion occurred one hour later the entire 100 men would have been caught.

The twenty dead men were horribly burned. It is believed they were caught by the full blast and killed outright. The 13 who escaped unhurt either had not reached the level or had not come within range of the huge puff of fire. Survivors said the blast was more like the explosion of a large charge of flashlight powder.

The interior of the mine was little damaged, but rescuers encountered difficulties in searching for remaining victims because of heavy fumes and smoke which hung to the level.

The dead and twenty-six of the injured had been brought out by noon. Five more injured, unconscious and badly burned were brought out by rescuers early tonight.

Mine officials and representatives of the state mine department are conducting an inquiry to determine officially the cause of the disaster.

Stock Shipments Showing Increase

Movement of Klamath county livestock has been unusually heavy during the first part of December for this period of the year, and reflects an increasing demand for southern Oregon cattle and sheep. In the opinion of many shippers.

Tomorrow's shipments will climax the stock movement for a week that comes pretty close to being a record for December shipping, according to S. R. Berry, local freight and passenger agent for the Southern Pacific company, who yesterday announced that the week's total will be close to 40 cars.

Heaviest shipments for any one day this week took place yesterday when F. S. Vettle shipped four doubledecker cars of sheep from Midland to San Francisco; R. W. Finley sent two cars of hogs to Portland; and another shipper consigned 14 cars of Chiloquin cattle to the California metropolis.

Earlier in the week Tom Waters, mayor-elect, shipped over 1,000 sheep from his Klamath stock ranch, to southern markets. The sheep were also loaded out at Midland, where several thousand head remain on feed lots and winter pastures.

Car orders for Saturday indicate that Fred S. Luce will ship five cars of sheep, and F. Stukel will consign four cars, all to San Francisco. G. W. Hunter plans shipment of one carload of stock to California markets tomorrow.

Rail Officials Confer in Chicago Today

OUT OF WOODS WAS LITTLE DEER THAT WAS GOOD FRIEND

BEND, Dec. 9.—(United News)—Out of the woods near Bend early this morning came a deer, a doe, which made itself at home on a lawn west of the river, paying no attention to the great crowd of people which watched it, but very much concerned about dogs which tried to nip its heels.

The deer, of the mule species, backed into a corner of the lawn, then, when the dogs had been tied up, calmly went down for a rest, while a battery of cameras was trained on it.

Bond Election Polling Places Are Selected

Judges and Clerks Named to Oversee Vote to Be Cast On Six Per Cent Limitation on Tuesday, December 21.

When Klamath Falls marches to the polls on December 21, they will find their respective voting places within easy access to their homes and places of business, according to announcement made yesterday by City Clerk Lem L. Gaglianone.

The names of the clerks and the judges were also announced yesterday by the city clerk.

Following are the polling places: Ward No. 1, at 7 Main street; Mrs. Mary A. Wilkins' home; Ward No. 2, Courthouse basement; Ward No. 3, Slater's building on Seventh street, between Main and Klamath (Continued on Page Four)

Itinerant Bothers Women is Report

Local police were last night following up reports of two attempted attacks on local women made late Wednesday by a man of good appearance, described as slim, dark and aged about 40.

The man, according to police, accosted a woman Wednesday night and inquired if she could aid him in securing a room. The woman, whose name was withheld by authorities, assented, and started down south Riverside with the individual.

Then the stranger asked the woman to walk around by way of Pine street where he believed there was a room for rent. They arrived in front of a house, number 65, on Pine street, where the man made threatening advances.

The woman fled into the house and called for the police, who responded promptly and escorted her home. Another woman was reported to have been approached by a man at Main and Esplanade. Badly frightened, she ran away. It was stated.

Railroad Men Feel Effect of Change

Fourteen Klamath Falls engineers and firemen of the Shasta division of the Southern Pacific have been replaced by members of the Portland division, following loss of the fight by the former to retain seniority rights between this city and Crescent Lake.

The fight involved moving boundary of the Portland division south from Crescent Lake to Klamath Falls, a step which deprived Shasta division men of their rights on this section of the Southern Pacific.

Reports here yesterday were to the effect that the Shasta men will appeal the decision to the grand lodge of the railway brotherhoods.

Noble Peace Prize to France, Germany

COPENHAGEN, Dec. 9.—(United News)—Foreign Ministers Briand of France and Stresemann of Germany will be awarded jointly the Noble peace prize for 1925, the United News has learned on high authority. The information comes from Oslo, Norway.

Interior Secretary to Hear Protests of Farmers Interested

Protest of Directors of Klamath Irrigation District Against Selling McCormick Site Near Keno Receives Prompt Attention at Washington from Senator McNary; Congressman Sinnott Expected to Take Hand; Interior Department Orders Proposed Sale Postponed.

Water users of the Klamath Irrigation district scored a partial victory yesterday in their fight to get control of the McCormick power site near Keno, as evidenced by a wire from United States Senator Charles L. McNary, stating that no action will be taken in the government's proposed plan to sell the site until a formal protest of the district has been given full consideration at Washington.

Senator McNary's wire addressed to R. E. Bradbury, president of the board of directors of the Klamath Irrigation district, gave new hope to district directors, who are working hard in preparing a comprehensive brief that is to be forwarded to Washington Saturday as a formal protest to the sale of the site.

The Senator's response was to the wire sent Wednesday to members of the Oregon delegation. President Coolidge and Commissioner of Reclamation Mead, signed by Directors Short, Bradbury and Jacob, and Director-elect Townsend, as a forerunner of the formal protest now being formulated.

While responses from other recipients of Wednesday's message had not arrived here at a late hour last night, directors are anticipating some word of recognition from Mead, Stanfield and Sinnott today.

In his reply Senator McNary stated: "Wire protesting sale of McCormick power site received. Assistant Secretary Finney stated no action would be taken pending arrival of your protest which will be submitted to the Interior department for full consideration."

Water users on the project have declared they will fight vigorously the sale to private interests of the valuable McCormick power site. They feel the tract of land along the Klamath river below Keno rightfully belongs to them as a part (Continued on Page Five)

Klamath Leads in Booze Enforcement

State Prohibition Director W. S. Levens has issued the October report of liquor enforcement in Oregon with Klamath still leading the state in the work, according to figures received yesterday by Len Farnbrook of the probi department.

Following are the figures: Arrested on liquor charges in Klamath county, 31; Washington county, 19; Crook county, 17; Multnomah county, 14.

Klamath reported only six convictions, however, as there are numerous cases held over until the coming month.

According to the report, \$1,850 in fines was assessed during the month of October; \$1,050 was collected. Thirty-four gallons of liquor were confiscated and jail sentences totaled 120 days.

Booze Competition Narrowly Averted

Klamath Falls' bootleggers narrowly escaped keen competition by the influx of outside liquor, when Jack Travers was arrested during the past week in Medford with 115 gallons of choice moonshine in his car.

According to word received in Klamath Falls yesterday, Travers stated he was enroute from Sacramento to Klamath Falls where he had planned to dispense with his cargo. He was given a sentence in justice court of 30 days in the county jail at Jacksonville, and a fine of \$500.

Travers was arrested one year ago, to the day, on the same spot with a cargo of liquor from Sacramento and claimed that this trip is the first he has made since that time. He received a heavy fine for the previous offense.

CARRIER PIGEONS SENT TO CHINA TO ASSIST AMERICANS

SAN BERNARDINO, Dec. 9.—Sixteen carrier pigeons from San Bernardino county have been shipped to Shanghai, where they may prove emissaries of life to American citizens held captive by Chinese rebels or endangered by shell fire inside cities besieged in China's civil war.

The pigeons are of proved endurance for long distance flight. They were sent by Captain Ray R. Dehaener, former pigeon expert of the United States army to the intelligence service in China for use by Americans to send word to army and navy bases in China waters in case of emergency.

Doheny Testifies in Own Behalf at Conspiracy Trial

Graduate University of Hard Knocks Interests Jury By Reciting Life He Has Lived During Forty-Year Period.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 9.—(United News)—Twelve young jurors in the Fall-Doheny oil trial today heard E. L. Doheny, a battered old post-graduate of the university of hard knocks, tell his life story of prospecting for bonanzas.

Doheny's attractive wife and his grown son both took the stand briefly in his behalf. The remainder of the day was spent in direct examination of the aged prospector. Cross examination was deferred until tomorrow.

Doheny's lawyers announced that tomorrow they will attempt to compel Secretary of the Navy Willbur to tell the jury about the confidential navy intelligence report of Rear Admiral Gleeves, which Doheny described today as revealing that Japan was mobilizing in 1921 and preparing maneuvers which alarmed naval officers.

Through practically the whole day Doheny sat in the witness chair, his arm still was in the bright colored silk handkerchief sling, the recent carbuncle operation not having entirely healed yet. Despite his age and the drain of the (Continued On Page Two)

Fears Insanity; Commits Suicide

LOS ANGELES, Dec. 9. (U.N.)—Ray Clark, assistant to the president of the National City bank, haunted by the spectre of approaching insanity, put a bullet through his brain in his room at the exclusive Jonathan club here Thursday.

A note in his pocket and several sheets of paper on which were rambling sentences to the effect he was going crazy, indicated that he had planned the deed for some time.

He was one of the organizers of the National City bank, and came to this city 23 years ago from Cleveland.

His widow and one daughter survive.

Southland Making Survey of Storm

LOS ANGELES, Dec. 9. (U.N.)—The southland emerged Thursday to take toll of the destruction caused by a storm which swept over southern California Wednesday, bringing a steadily descending mercury.

Throughout the day repair gangs worked to patch broken telephone lines and washed-out roads.

Considerable damage was reported from the harbor, following the sixty-mile gale that swept over that section Wednesday night.

The steamer Chippas, destined to carry negroes to Liberia, dragged her anchor and late today was hard and fast aground near Point Firmin.

The battleship California's amphibian plane, latest type developed by the United States navy, was salvaged from the bottom of the main channel of the harbor.

Believed Favorable Action is to Result

Survey of Local Railway Men Leads to Belief Opposing Lines Have Come to Agreement.

That a definite agreement whereby the Northern lines will be permitted to enter Klamath Falls in the near future, will be reached at the conference between railway heads in Chicago today, is the consensus of opinion of those who have been closely in touch here with the railroad situation.

Evidence of the optimistic viewpoint entertained locally grew out of a series of interviews conducted by a News representative yesterday.

Belief that William Sproule, president of the Southern Pacific; Ralph Buda, president of the Great Northern; and Charles Donnelly, head of the Northern Pacific lines, who are to be principal figures at the big debate in Chicago today will arrive at a favorable agreement, is based on conclusions growing out of recent past events.

Many feel that previous conferences have been more successful than is generally known, and that all lead up to the big meeting which begins today. Approach of the entrance of the Northern lines into southern Oregon is declared to have been increased by work carried on by a surveying crew of the Seattle, Portland & Spokane railway here last week when the men slipped into this city and laid out a terminal site on the banks of Lake Ewauna.

Prior to that event, a representative from the chief engineer of the Southern Pacific's office at San Francisco, came into Klamath Falls unannounced and made a careful survey of the local situation. Name of the representative was not divulged, but the nature of his business here leaked out several days ago.

Projected surveys are now being run from Bend, southward, according to word published here recently, and a denied announcement here yesterday that 32 cars of construction material is enroute to Sprague River for an extension of the Oregon, California & Eastern to Lakeview, are declared to be added contributing factors to the belief that Klamath county is on (Continued on Page Four)

Shop Employees of S. P. Get Raise

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 9. (U.N.)—Eleven thousand shop employees on Southern Pacific lines will receive a wage increase of one cent an hour, it was announced at company headquarters here today.

The increase will be retroactive from December 1, and will add \$250,000 to the company's annual payroll, it was stated. Employees had asked for a three cent per hour increase, but compromised at the lower figure.

Mechanics, helpers, apprentices and coach cleaners will receive the increase.

KANSAS CITY SEEKING BIG RELIGIOUS GATHERING

KANSAS CITY, Mo., Dec. 9. (U.N.)—Kansas City feels that it has a good chance of obtaining for 1925 one of the largest and most important religious assemblies in the world, the quadrennial convention of the Methodist Episcopal church, after being inspected today by a committee of eight, sent here for that purpose.

Ormiston Arrested and Held in Chicago

CHICAGO, Dec. 9. (U.N.)

—Kenneth G. Ormiston, long missing radio operator of Aimee Semple McPherson's Angelus temple, who is wanted in Los Angeles on a charge of conspiracy to defeat justice in connection with the evangelist's mysterious disappearance, was expected to arrive in Chicago tonight.

Advices to Chief of Police Morgan A. Collins indicated Ormiston would arrive here at 8:10 p. m., accompanied by Harry Donnelly and Charles Elwood of the Chicago detective bureau, who located the radio operator last night in Harrisburg, Pa. There was a possibility the trio might not reach Chicago until 7:30 p. m. Friday, Chief Collins said, basing his opinion on the suggestion that the de- (Continued on Page Five)

Premium Award Made at Klamath Potato Exhibit

Prizes and premiums, on Klamath county's first annual potato show, were awarded yesterday afternoon in the chamber of commerce where the "spud" carnival has held sway for two days, following the expert judging of Professor George Lyslop, head of farm crops of Oregon Agricultural college.

Lot No. 1, 30 pounds of commercial Netted Gems:

1, G. S. Thompson; 2, Jesse Johnson; 3, Earl Dunn; 4, Mrs. Leonard Lewis; 5, Joe Hoffman; 6, Otto Ballin; 7, Billy O'Brien; 8, Gus Hilliard; 9, C. D. Enman; 10, Fern Kelly; 11, J. G. Griffith; 12, Will Blackman; 13, V. F. Meyers; 14, D. H. Kaylor; 15, M. A. Gantz.

Lot No. 2, Bliss Triumphs, 30 pounds commercial potatoes:

1, S. P. Shawhart; 2, J. W. Thompson; 3, Percy Dixon.

Lot No. 3, Burbanks, 30 pounds commercial potatoes:

1, A. R. Campbell; 2, B. T. McKitens; 3, U. E. Reeder.

DELTA DISTRICTS INHABITED OVER ONE CENTURY AGO

BERKELEY, Dec. 9.—(United News)—The Sacramento and San Joaquin river delta districts of California were inhabited a century ago by nearly 15,000 Indians, according to W. Egbert Schenck, University of California research associate.

Schenck reported that there probably were about 50 Indian villages along the main waterways under the old Spanish regime, and that each village probably contained about 200 inhabitants. The professor has completed a survey of Indian conditions of that period.

Boys' and Girls' Clubs Earn Big Sum of Money

Outstanding success of boys' and girls' club work in the county during the past year was revealed by the annual report of County Club Leader Frank Sexton upon completion of the data yesterday, showing a total profit of \$5,599.95 to club members.

The aggregate profits cover the work of 30 clubs in the county in 1925, with a total enrollment of 255 boys and girls. Popularity of the work is attested by the fact that out of this high enrollment figure, 226 members completed every phase of the club work, including the maintenance of full records and final reports of the year's work.

The work, according to Sexton, was carried on with the aid of school teachers and community leaders in the 14 communities of the county in which clubs were organized. The communities represented are as follows: Fort Klamath, Klamath Agency, Algoma, Keno, Henley, Bonanza, Bly, Langell Valley, Malin, Merrill, Lone Pine, Midland, Mills addition and Miller Hill.

Greatest profits this year were amassed by the 22 members of potato clubs, who raised 2974 bushels of the tubers on 17.8 acres of land, realizing a net profit of \$2,561.36. Livestock followed a close second with total profits to members amounting to \$2,100.65.

Other project's profit totals are as follows: gardening, \$240.85; cooking, \$11.10; canning, \$203.13; sewing, \$11.32; and homemaking, \$71.

Pilot Forced to Land in Big Fog

HELIIX, Ore., Dec. 9. (U.N.)—For the second time within a week Pilot J. W. Taff, flying a Boise bound air mail plane, was forced to land because of heavy fog in the Blue Mountains.

Taff was forced to land at Pendleton last Friday because of adverse weather conditions.