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DISASTER AT KEMMERER

THIRTY-FIVE MEN BELIEVED TO HAVE LOST THEIR LIVES

3 BODIES FOUND

Twelve Men Saved in Terrible Disaster at Coal Mine in Southern Part of State

Kemmerer, Wyo., Sept. 16.—12 of the 47 men entombed by an explosion at Sublet mine No. 5, near here at 11:45 o'clock Tuesday morning, emerged from the wrecked workings about 5:30 o'clock in the evening unharmed, according to officials of the Kemmerer Coal company, owners of the property.

The remainder of the 47 caught and entombed by the explosion are believed to be dead. Three bodies have been found and will be brought out Wednesday. These dead are William Hood, Harry Gennett and Paul Bahem. All three men were married and, with the exception of Hood, all leave children. Bahem two small daughters and Bennett a family of several partially-grown children.

The 12 miners who escaped alive were unharmed. They were caught just above the seventh level and a cave-in of the retaining walls saved them from death by gas and fire, according to meager reports available. Workers and company officials were astonished about 5:30 o'clock in the evening when 12 miners walked and climbed through the debris of the mine mouth to safety and the arms of their waiting kinfolks. Only the miraculous location of the cave-in saved them, officials declare.

Another group of 12 miners probably was instantly killed when the explosion occurred, according to conjecture by mine experts. The men were on the tip, coming to the surface for the noon hour, when the blast wrecked the mine. It is believed they were thrown to the bottom of the shaft and killed before gases accumulated.

A resounding roar that reverberated throughout the little mining town nestled in the mountains, broke through the sound of crashing thunder at 11:45 o'clock Tuesday and brought to Sublet its first great mining disaster. As the sound of the terrific explosion died out, residents of the little community of 500 persons started an exodus from their homes through a blinding rain storm to the mouth of the mine No. 5, drift mine, there to claim their dead.

Within an hour so many residents of the camp had congregated around the main portal of the tunnel that it was with difficulty that workmen and rescue crews were able to make their way to start the work of rescue.

The rain continued to fall in torrents and shortly after news of the disaster had spread to Kemmerer, the road to the mining camp was declared to be nearly impassable. An urgent call for help was dispatched to the bureau of mines headquarters at Denver, and rescue car No. 2, on duty at Trinidad, was ordered to proceed with all dispatch to the scene of the disaster. A second car, No. 1, held at Butte, Mont., was ordered held in readiness for the journey in case it was needed.

Orders were sent at once to the Frontier mines, to Diamondville, Cumberland and Rock Springs for rescue workers and late in the afternoon a crew of about 200 men had been assembled at the mine.

These men were sent into the main entrance and also to the fire entrance with orders to clear those passage-ways to permit the gas to escape from the filled mine and also to clear away the wreckage and debris within the mine, in order to expedite the work of searching for survivors.

Rescue work was proceeded slowly at night because of the debris littering the workings and because of roads made impassable by a heavy downpour of rain throughout the day and night, which hampered transportation facilities in bringing aid and rescue apparatus to the mine.

Despite the torrential rains, the mouth of the mine at night was choked with weeping wives, children and relatives of the entombed men. However, no untoward occurrences took place, according to P. J. Queally, general manager of the Kemmerer Coal company, who was at the scene of the blast.

Rescue workers found the mouth of the workings wrecked and completely blocked. It took several hours before a space sufficiently large to admit a man had been opened and the workers, equipped with gas

THERMOPOLIS TO WAGE FIGHT ON BOOTLEGGERS

Thermopolis, Wyo., Sept. 12.—That it is the intention of the authorities of Hot Springs county to clean up the bootleggers and illegal liquor manufacturers was evidenced at a recent meeting of the county commissioners when the sum of \$5,000 was voted to be expended in attorney's fees in the apprehension and prosecution of the persons who attempted the highjacking of a quantity of liquor seized by county authorities and stored at the ranch of Arthur Gwynn, county commissioner. C. M. Henderson, one of the party of highjackers lost his life in the battle of bullets that waged for over two hours.

The county commissioners have employed C. D. Murane, a Casper lawyer, who has been given \$1,000 in the preliminary work in the apprehension and prosecution of the highjackers, and when the informations are filed in court and trials had or pleas or guilty entered, then Attorney Murane is to receive an additional \$4,000. Mr. Murane has caused the arrest of a number of persons alleged to have been in the highjacking party, the latest being Albert Fisher whom Sheriff Scott Hazen returned from Seattle, Wash.

The county commissioners are determined that illegal liquor selling and making in Hot Springs county shall cease, or at least be reduced to the minimum.

INSURANCE FUNDS DEPLETED AS RESULT SUBLET DISASTER

The Sublet disaster is the fourth worst in the history of mining in Wyoming.

The Cheyenne Tribune contained an article on the insurance phase of it. The Wyoming workmen's compensation insurance fund was heavily drawn upon on account of the explosion in the Kemmerer Coal company's Frontier mine last year, when 99 men lost their lives and in all probability \$100,000.00 or more will be required to meet the death-claims from the Sublet disaster.

The Kemmerer Coal company now faces an overdraft on the workmen's compensation fund of \$155,217.80. This is the amount in excess of the company's contribution to date to the compensation fund. The contributor's normal assessment is 1 1/4% of its monthly payroll; but in case of an overdraft this per centum is increased to 3 per cent and the higher rate continues until the overdraft is liquidated.

It is estimated that it will take the company at least six years to make up its overdrafts and reach a basis of the normal rate; unless the law is so amended that assistance may arrive from another source.

WANTS TO PUT IN JAIL THOSE THAT FAIL TO GO TO POLLS

St. Paul, Sept. 17.—Jail sentences for those who fail to vote as an "encouragement" to bring the electorate to the polls were urged by former Judge Kenesaw M. Landis in an address to the American Legion's national convention here Wednesday afternoon.

Welcomed by a tremendous ovation, the baseball commissioner spoke shortly after Omaha had been selected as the 1924 convention city.

Several bad cave-ins, one of which saved the lives of the 12 miners who emerged alive, are in the path of the rescuers before they can reach the remainder of the mine crew, which company officials at night declared could not have survived the blast and the subsequent small fires and gaseous accumulations.

Virtually all of the men entombed in the mine and declared by company officials to be believed to be dead, have been residents of the mining community of Sublet for years. Fathers and sons, according to the company's statement here, were employed in the mine and it is believed that entire families have been wiped out by the blast.

The mine, which has been worked for 16 years, is one of the largest in this section of Wyoming. A normal force of 200 men is employed in the workings, but the working force was reduced considerably, Tuesday, because of repair work that had been planned by the company. As a result, a crew of about 50 miners was sent into the mine at 8 o'clock Tuesday morning, a crew sufficient only to produce enough coal to meet the needs of the day's orders. The other 31 men entombed were members of timber, repair and brattice crews and were believed to have been at work at the time of the explosion.

TUCKER IN TOILS AGAIN

Thermopolis, Wyo., Sept. 17.—Albert Tucker and Ralph Kelly, charged with assault with intent to murder in connection with the attack on the home of Arthur Gwynn, county commissioner of Hot Springs county, were bound over to the district court following their preliminary hearing before Justice John A. Thompson in this city. Their bonds were fixed at \$1,000 each, and both were held in the county jail because of inability to supply them.

This is the first big step taken in the case in which county officials here are attempting to locate and convict those suspected of being in the party of highjackers that on the night of August 5 went to the home of Commissioner Gwynn and on his refusal to give up large quantities of liquor seized in a raid here, opened fire on the home. It is because they opened deliberate fire on Commissioner Gwynn that the county has been so persistent in its efforts to seek out those in this daring hijacker gang and secure convictions.

In the same thorough manner which resulted in the binding over of Tucker and Kelly, C. D. Murane, attorney of Casper, employed as a special prosecutor by Hot Springs commissioners, requested the dismissal of the charges against both Richard Cassidy of Casper and Albert Fisher, arrested in Seattle, in connection with the case. After Attorney Tom Curran of Casper had made the same request, Justice Thompson ordered that both Cassidy and Fisher be dismissed, and both were completely exonerated as a result of his action.

Judging from the complexion of the crowd which jammed into the court room here to hear the four preliminaries, the feeling both for and against the defendants was intense.

LOCATE HIGHWAY ROUTE

Sheridan, Wyo., Sept. 16.—L. E. Laird, Wyoming state highway superintendent, Tuesday began in inspection to locate a route for the proposed federal highway between Sheridan and Ucross, by way of Jim creek, a road which was decided upon several months ago by the state. Mr. Laird announced the state's plans before the commercial club and made a plea for the upkeep of the state highway department. He urged a gasoline tax to provide the necessary department finances.—Billings Gazette.

AUTO RAN INTO MAN RIDING HORSEBACK

William Stohl, well-known rancher of the Burnt Fork district, is in the Wyoming general hospital, suffering from numerous injuries, chief of which is a number of broken ribs, sustained at the sharp turn around the cliffs on the Lincoln highway, at the east portals of Green River.

Stohl was riding his horse, returning home, after a visit at Rock Springs and was slowly rounding the curve when an automobile, traveling at a fair rate of speed, ran into the horse and rider. While Stohl's injuries are very painful they are not necessarily serious.—Rock Springs Rocket.

SHOSHONE CANYON ROAD TO BE CLOSED SOON

Engineer C. E. Hayden announces that the road in Shoshone canyon will be closed within the next few weeks and it may be necessary to keep it closed for the greater part of the winter. During that period the road to the south of Cedar mountain and around Shoshone reservoir will be available.

Those contemplating any considerable hauling should do it at once before this thoroughfare is closed.—Cody Herald.

NEW RESORT RAZED BY FLAMES

The second disastrous dance hall fire within ten days, which destroyed the new Flores pavilion on the Big Horn road, three miles south of Sheridan, early Tuesday morning at a loss of \$10,000, was followed later in the morning by the arrest of George Nick of Monarch, who is being held pending further investigation of the fire.

A new oil can, found in the ditch near the blazing building, was the clue upon which authorities were centering their hopes for a solution of the "firebug" mystery.—Sheridan Post.

NEWS FROM SHELL CREEK

The many big game enthusiasts who were stationed along the foothills ready for the opening of the deer hunting season got a chilly back seat Monday morning when they were notified that the state game preserve line had been set back to the foot hills. Licenses had been bought and camping equipment packed ready for the hills on the opening morning and a number of hunters came up from Greybull in the early hours to be ready for the daylight trails. This appears on the face of it to be a more or less arbitrary action on the part of the Wyoming state and fish commission that is subject to question. There does not seem to be any emergency that would make such action necessary on the very eve of the hunting season. Surely there was sufficient information available at a reasonable time in advance of the opening of the season to give due public notice of the decision of the commission. If it could be arrived at only at this late hour, then public notice should, we believe, be given of a period of time when the present law would be enforced before the closing act would take effect. The game preserve along Shell creek was thrown open for the past season by similar action and so little open publicity was given to the decision that many hunters got special advantage of the order before the general hunting public knew anything about it. The decision was arrived at and put into effect in the same quick manner. Such action cannot but react in a lessening of public confidence in its powers. It cannot but result in special privileges being given to those who can get the information first and works a hardship on the many who are not in immediate touch with the commission.

Shell creek is well satisfied with the success attained at the county fair, with its agricultural and horticultural exhibits. For many years Shell took no active part in the farm and orchard displays, though the riding and racing events were entered into with much zeal and many of the prizes captured by our riders. Recently the wild west has been taken hold of by our riders at the fair as the round-up boys used to but the farmers are taking their places and bringing Shell to the front in garden stuff. T. W. Olney led in the management of the field sports with G. W. Kershner as pick-up and Brent D. Leavitt as one of the judges. They helped out in giving the fair visitors a good show, otherwise Shell creek took a small part in the sports. The exhibits put on last year was encouraging and this year the farm bureau took it over with much better success in getting the exhibits entered and displayed in the booth. The prizes awarded are covered by a special article on the fair in another part of the paper which The Standard is issuing so no special mention of the Shell creek winners are made here. It will be noted that Shell took the most of the leading prizes in corn and took a very creditable place with other communities in all lines. The things that Shell has learned will help in a better exhibit for another year. Greater care will be taken in curing the sheaves of grains and grasses and trimming them up to specifications and shaped in neater appearance. There is such a difference in the way the entries are judged one year from another that one is uncertain what is required, but with the continuance of the farm bureau in charge these will be provided for and arrangements made to meet the conditions. K. K. Kimbro took care of the Shell exhibit, assisted by Mrs. Kimbro and F. L. Reeves. Theodore Mobley, H. B. McCarty and Thomas Weir helped some also.

Mr. and Mrs. F. L. Smith, Walter Fowler, Harry V. Smith and Herb Smith left on Wednesday to be employed at the Worland sugar factory for the fall campaign. Myrtle Smith went as far as Basin and will stay with Mrs. Evelyn Chapman.

Grandma Sarah Townsend moved Tuesday to Clovery where she will stay for a time with her daughter, Mrs. R. H. Good.

W. H. Wyman was in Greybull for a short business visit Monday.

J. C. Whaley hauled in grain for the market Tuesday.

C. A. Mobley, Theodore Mobley, Fred Miller, F. L. Hickman, W. E. Ottinger and Buster Good were marketing in town Wednesday.

Charles Collingwood is sporting a new big touring car on his mail route. He has disposed of the truck (Continued on Page Eight)

FEW LOCAL WINNERS AT COUNTY FAIR

Mrs. Nora Patterson was awarded first prize for the best display of tame and wild grasses. W. C. Unterzuber first prize for the best garden display from one ranch. V. C. Olson of Otto took second. Mr. McCarty of Shell creek won sweepstakes for best box of apples. W. C. Unterzuber won eleven firsts, four seconds and two thirds on poultry.

Gould district won twenty-one firsts, fourteen seconds and five thirds on farm products and also sweepstakes on wheat and cats. The Emblem community won first for the best display of sewing. An Emblem girl won first for the first year sewing class.

The Emblem Club won first on sewing. The boys' and girls' clubs seem to be growing in favor.

NORMAL TRAINING SCHOOLS

The first annual conference of high school normal training teachers was held with the state department of education at the university in Laramie during the last week in August. Eighteen of the thirty-one schools that will offer such courses were represented. Plans for carrying on the work during the coming year were made. It is expected that more than two hundred teachers will be graduated from these courses during the coming year. This will furnish a supply of trained teachers for Wyoming rural schools. A Wyoming high school normal teachers' association was organized with Supt. Guy V. Cutler of Lovell, president, and Miss June Selby, of Powell, secretary.

SNOW ON MOUNTAINS

Rev. L. P. Smith, who resides on a homestead on Black mountain, spent the week end with his family that are residing in Greybull during the school year. Mr. Smith says it has been stormy for several days up there and that Friday morning the ground was covered with snow until about noon. On account of the cold, stormy weather stock have already begun to leave the mountains. We can't help but wonder if we are to have any early winter and what has become of our summer.

GOLD AND SILVER ON SHELL CREEK, CLAIM

In a recent interview in the Sheridan Post, George Haywood of that place asserted there was untold wealth in the minerals to be found in the Big Horn mountains. This recalls the fact that as stated in The Standard a gold mining claim was recently filed on land near Cloud Peak.

Ore is exposed in many places throughout the mountains, Haywood states, citing the headwaters of the Big and Little Goose, Cross Piney, Johnson, Kelly, Wolf, Sucker, Prospect, and Quartz creeks, and the east fork of Tongue river and Shell, Trout, Paint Rock and Medicine Lodge creeks as places where the ore can be found.

The values are mainly gold, although some ores show silver and copper and small amounts of platinum, silver and quicksilver.

"You can't go anywhere in the Big Horns without finding minerals" was Mr. Haywood's first answer when asked where the ore was to be found. Realizing that many skeptics want cold figures, Haywood prepared a chart Wednesday showing the actual values, in dollars and cents, of the various mining claims.

Twenty-two assays from Lakeview mining claim on Shell creek show an average value of \$16.50 a ton in gold and silver from a 40-foot vein. Because of the many assays, Mr. Haywood regards that property as proved.

COLONEL ARMSTRONG DIES ON MONDAY

Word was received here Monday of the death of Col. W. L. Armstrong at Boulder, Colorado. Col. Armstrong was past 80 years of age and infirmities due to his advanced age were the cause of death. Col. Armstrong was president of the Wyoming Gas company, and prominently identified with several producing oil and gas companies. He was considered one of the wealthiest men in Colorado. Funeral services will be held in Boulder today. Mr. and Mrs. T. K. Bishop of this place, left yesterday to attend the funeral services. Deceased visited this section many times in connection with development work here and is well known to a large number of citizens who will express keen regret at his passing.—Basin Republican.

GUSHER IN SALT CREEK

A SIX THOUSAND BARREL WELL BROUGHT IN IN THAT FIELD

IN LOKOTA SAND

Midwest Brings in Big Gusher in Deep Test in Heart of Salt Creek Oil Field

Casper, Wyo., Sept. 16.—Midwest Refining company's first gusher well from the Lakota sand in Salt Creek, rated by oil operators and geologists here as the most important oil discovery in Wyoming in recent years, today was flowing at the rate of about 6,000 barrels a day, according to information secured from the Midwest officers.

During a 24-hour period the flow measured 5,974 barrels of light grade crude of 34 gravity. The Lakota sand was cut at 2,526 feet in this test, which is located on section 23-40-79, and geologists believe it underlies all of the main structure, embracing between 4,500 and 5,000 acres.

Second Wall creek sand production in Salt Creek covers about over 13,000 acres.

Discovery of crude in the Lakota opens a great new producing horizon—the fifth oil sand encountered on the structure—and strengthens materially Salt Creek's claim being the greatest oil field in the world. The Sundance, Tensleep and Amsden formations still remain to be explored.

ROCK SPRINGS SHEEP MAN TAKES OWN LIFE

Kemmerer friends received meagre reports this morning of the suicide of Ailmy Rassmussen, member of a well known Rock Springs family of that name. No reasonable cause is assigned for the rash act, nor can his best friends find any reason for the despondency which would naturally lead to self slaughter.

Mr. Rassmussen was formerly in the saloon business but at the time of his death he was in partnership with his brother David in the sheep business. The latter had been in the east with a band of sheep and was expected to arrive at Rock Springs last evening on No. 17.

The desperate man was found by friends who called to pay a social visit and it was soon ascertained that he had placed the muzzle of a revolver in his mouth and pulled the trigger. He was estranged and separated from his wife, but his financial affairs are said to be in excellent condition.—Kemmerer Gazette.

BEET HARVEST NOW ON

Beet harvest in the Big Horn basin began Thursday. The crop gives promise of being the largest ever harvested here. The first loads brought into Greybull were not so large but rather uniform and it is believed will test about as they did last year.

They are weighed at the Greybull elevator and loaded by a beet elevator.

SMALL FLOODED BY PLEAS FOR LIFE OF SLAYER WHO IS SENTENCED TO GALLOWS

Springfield, Ill., Sept. 17.—Gov. Len Small's office was literally swamped Wednesday by letters, telegrams and newspaper clippings from all over the country, asking him to save Bernard Grant from the gallows.

The communications came from practically every state in the union and were so unanimous that it became necessary to reply to them by form letter rather than by individual answer to each letter as usually is the case.

LEOB-LEPOLD CASE

Judge Caverly, in consideration of the age of the two defendants, boys of 18 and 19 years, decided on the life imprisonment sentence, and the super-intellectuals are now "doing time" at Joliet for their crime of singular atrocity.

Many disapproving voices are heard. Frequently prophecies are uttered to the effect that within a few years their money will gain them their liberty.

It is not the policy of The Standard to criticize a judge nor any judicial act, however, it is to be hoped that the court's recommendation that the defendants "never be paroled" may be heeded. If this course is persevered in justice may obtain and society be safe guarded.