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NINE LIVES SNUFFED OUT IN MINE FIRE

Nitro Glycerin Blast Wrecks Rail Bridge

VANDALS HELD RESPONSIBLE FOR EXPLOSION

Structure at Binghamon Junction, W. Va. Is Badly Damaged

MINERS OUT OF WORK

Wreck Caused Suspension of Mining Activities on Binghamon Branch

(By the Associated Press)

CLARKSBURG, W. Va., Dec. 23. An explosion damaged the Western Maryland railway bridge at Bingamon Junction, early today. The blast, set off near the middle of the span, which crosses West Fork river, caused damage estimated at several thousand dollars. Large pieces of steel were hurled great distances, while windows in nearby dwellings were shattered.

Railroad officials expressed the belief that nitroglycerin had been used. An investigation is being made by county, state and railroad officials.

The damage to the bridge caused a suspension of mining operations on the Bingamon-Wyatt branch, throwing about 1,000 miners out of work until repairs are made.

SENIOR HIGH STUDENTS ENJOY CHAPEL PROGRAM

Songs, Speeches, Presents, Santa Claus Letters and a Christmas Play Feature Morning Exercises

The Christmas program staged this morning during the chapel hour at the Senior high school ranged from the sublime to the ridiculous, the presentation of Tolstoy's lovely gem of a Christmas story, "The Least of These," being followed by the dragging of ludicrous Christmas gifts from the faculty members stockings, hung in line across the front of the room, and the reading of the pleas to Santa Claus supposedly written by the teachers.

The program opened with Christmas carols sung by the boys and girls glee clubs. The Christmas play was the story of a humble Russian cobbler, who dreams one night that Christ will visit him the following day. In the morning he makes his dim little shop bright and clean and eagerly awaits his visitor, planning not to leave the shop for an instant lest Christ should knock at his door during his absence. During the day he ministers to a cold and hungry man who knocks at his door, gives warmth and shelter to a widow and her baby, and does other acts of kindness which fall to him, and it is not until night that he remembers Christ's words, "Inasmuch as ye have done it unto one of the least of these, my brethren, ye have done it unto me," and realizes that he has indeed received a visit from Christ.

Charles Smoot played the role of the Russian cobbler, and was supported by a cast composed of other high school students. The play was staged by the Hi-Y boys club and the Senior Girl Reserves.

The program included carols by the high school boys and girls octette, and by the assembly of students. Harry Smith made a jolly Saint Nick and kept the students in gales of merriment with his remarks as he distributed ridiculous gifts to members of the student body, read the faculty Santa Claus letters and called the faculty members upon the stage to receive their ridiculous gifts.

Each of the teachers home rooms presented them attractive gifts at the close of the program.

THE WEATHER

OKLAHOMA and ARKANSAS: Tonight and Thursday generally fair, rising temperature.

KANSAS: Generally fair tonight and Thursday; warmer tonight in extreme southeast portion; somewhat colder Thursday in north portion.

The temperature in Bartlesville at 3 o'clock Wednesday afternoon was 46 degrees above zero. At 7 o'clock Wednesday morning the thermometer registered 16 degrees above zero. The maximum and minimum temperatures in the city Tuesday were 26 and 11 degrees above zero.

THE ROADS.

Oklahoma City—Fair.
Miami—Good.
Muskogee—Good.
Okmulgee—Good.
Ponca City—Good.
Guthrie—Good.
Okemah—Good.
McAlester—Fair.
Bristow—Good.
Pawhuska—Good.
Enid—Good.
Tulsa—Good.

COFFEE HOLDUP BEING PLANNED BY BRAZILIANS

England Behind Move To Hijack Americans in Coffee Prices

WASHINGTON, Dec. 23.—(AP)—With congress and Secretary Hoover actively seeking to rescue American consumers from high rubber prices, which have Great Britain's support, now comes the news of the plan of the state of Sao Paulo, Brazil, to hold up the price of coffee, also with British financial backing. Hesitating to attempt loans in this country, largely because of the recent plea of Secretary Hoover that American bankers deny credits to foreigners for such purposes, Sao Paulo expects to borrow approximately $50,000,000 from London bankers. The Brazilian legislature has been asked to authorize the loan which would be used to bolster the coffee market against any material price declines.

However, the prospect that Americans may be asked to pay high prices for coffee as well as rubber finds congress and Mr. Hoover ready to develop retaliatory measures. When the congressional investigation into the rubber situation gets under way after the holidays it simultaneously will delve into the subject of the control of coffee prices in Brazil as well as into other similar foreign monopolies.

Mr. Hoover himself has launched an attack on the rubber prices, in which he will enlist the cooperation of American automobile users, and there is no doubt that he will reiterate his appeal to decrease consumption of coffee.

Only recently the secretary declared that the prices charged America for many foreign commodities were unfair and that steps must be taken to "defend ourselves against trade war being made upon us." He suggested that consumers organize in a strong sympathetic campaign to restrict their use of the products monopolized; that substitutes be used more largely and that American buyers be permitted through legislation to combine for the emergency against foreign monopolies.

Notice Homesteaders

There will be no meeting Thursday, December 24th; our next meeting will be January 14th.
MRS. JACK McNAMARA,
R-22 President.

You can't blame all of the hot air on the weather man.

CHECKS FOR CHRISTMAS

Bartlesville Gas and Electric Company Helping Employes Enjoy a "Merry Christmas"

The Bartlesville Gas and Electric company is not only wishing its employes a "merry Christmas" but helping the matter along by backing the wish with a Christmas check and the announcement of an extra holiday after Christmas in which to rest up from the festivities.

The checks which the company is issuing are not bonuses based upon salary or periods of service, but merely uniform Christmas gifts to all employes, and in issuing them the company is following a custom of years standing.

BUTLER OUSTED FROM JOB IN PHILADELPHIA

Would Rather Be in the Marines than Any City, He Says

(By the Associated Press)

PHILADELPHIA, Dec. 23.—Mayor Kendrick today formally dismissed General Butler as director of public safety, effective at noon.

The general received the letter of dismissal shortly after the mayor reached his office. It was delivered by the mayor's secretary. A group of friends were in the director's office as he read it quickly. "Well, I'm out," he explained. "The mayor has fired me. Now we can shoot at him."

The mayor's secretary looked at him in surprise.

"There's nothing to stop me now, I'm a free man," the general said.

Asked his plans, the general, who has been fighting service all over the world said: "I'm going to my home in Overbrook, and I'm going to drive there in a car of the United States marine corps. The marines can take care of me, and I'd rather be in the marine corps than in fifteen million cities like Philadelphia."

The general said he would remain here for a few days and added "there may be something doing in that time."

Negro Changed His Mind
(By the Associated Press)

OKLAHOMA CITY, Dec. 23.—William "Whiskey" O Neil, negro, who pleaded guilty yesterday to the murder of M. P. Hipsher, street car motorman, stammered and withdrew the plea today when District Judge T. G. Chambers asked him if he understood the court ha dthe right to sentence him to death. The negro had appeared for sentence. Hipsher was killed last February at the end of an outlying street car line.

Could You Blame Him?
(By the Associated Press)

OKLAHOMA CITY, Dec. 23.—J. T. Elder of Enid, an appraiser for the state land office, has resigned his $175 a month job to devote more time to his $265 a day income from oil royalties. Elder made a fortunate investment in Garber oil field leases. Joe Anderson of Drummond has been named to succeed him January 1.

Secretary Wilbur Sends Greetings

WASHINGTON, Dec. 23.—(AP)—Christmas greetings were extended today to the officers and men of the navy and marine corps by Secretary Wilbur, in a message which also extended "deep sympathy to those who have lost relatives and friends."

INVASION OF RELEASED CALORIES THREATENS DIRE DISASTER HERE

One Hundred Twenty Million To Be Turned Loose in Bartlesville Through Sale of 15 Tons of Candy

By BERTHA REEVES

Will Bartlesville be burned up, consumed utterly by heat during the holidays? Will it experience a wave of crime as it has never before seen nor imagined? Or will the prodigious energy let loose upon and within the unsuspecting public find some other and more harmless vent—such as the Charleston?

Here is the crux of the situation—no, let's lead up to it slowly. Everyone by this time knows what a calorie is, and how it is feared by three quarters of the adult human race. Turn a calorie loose in a room with an outsized woman and her screams of fear and horror can be heard for blocks as she flees for safety. Pursued, and her defenses broken down the fear-crazed woman will turn and fight, as a trapped animal will fight.

And women are not alone in this fear. As a man turns forty and his waistline stretches out, his conversation turns from golf scores to diets, and finally to blood pressure, ever overshadowed by the haunting horror of the calorie.

And why is the calorie so feared? As it is explained by Dr. Elizabeth Chamberlin it sounds good. It seems the jolliest of warm companions. "A calorie," says Dr. Elizabeth, "is technically the amount of energy required to raise one cubic centimeter of water one degree centigrade." Now is that clear? Energy, and warmth.

"A cubic centimeter of water," explains John Evans, in response to a question, "is about fifteen drops. A fraction over. "And a degree centigrade equals about a degree and a half Fahrenheit." Bring in the thermometer and break off the icicles so you can see for yourself.

It is like fire in the fear it breeds. A fire controlled in a living room stove is the best of companions. But let it break loose and rage at will over one's possessions and it becomes a Mo-

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FOUR FIREMEN MEET DEATH A IN PENSY FIRE

Fire Injured 2 Seriously While Fighting Flames at Waynesburg Fire Today

WAYNESBURG, Pa., Dec. 23.—(AP)—Four volunteer firemen were killed and five others injured, two seriously, during a fire which swept the business district of Waynesburg early today. Several buildings were destroyed and a number of others damaged, the total loss being estimated at $750,000. The firemen were crushed under a falling wall.

The firemen who met death were Harvey Call, William Finch, Joseph Rifenberg and Thurman Long. Victor H. Silveus suffered fractures of the skull and jaw bones, and Luther Renner sustained an injury to his back. Three other men received cuts and bruises. All the injured who were members of the Waynesburg fire company, were taken to a hospital, where it was said the condition of Silveus and Renner was serious.

The fire was discovered in a restaurant located in a hotel. Guests in the hotel escaped in their night clothing and lost all their belongings.

MUNSEY LEFT HUGE ESTATE WITHOUT HEIR

Disposition of His Holdings Has Aroused Wide Interest

(By the Associated Press)

NEW YORK, Dec. 23.—The probable disposition of the large estate left by Frank A. Munsey, editor and publisher, who died yesterday of peritonitis, at the age of 71, has aroused wide interest.

His fortune is variously estimated at from $20,000,000 to $40,000,000, including his two newspapers in New York, the Sun and the Telegram. He has no direct heirs.

Whether Mr. Munsey, like Victor F. Lawson, publisher of the Chicago Daily News, who died last August, has willed his large estate to friends, employes and institu-

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MYSTERY MAN SLASHES WOMEN AT BRIDGEPORT

"Phantom Stabber" Attempts Assault on "Thirteenth Victim Tuesday

(By the Associated Press)

BRIDGEPORT, Conn., Dec. 23. Bridgeport's "phantom stabber," who appears unexpectedly in various sections of the city to terrorize girls whom he attempts to slash with a knife, is still at large. Twelve young women have been stabbed here in the past few months. Several others have escaped being slashed when the man was frightened away by their screams.

The stabber's latest attempt was made last night when Bertha Bylinski, 17, was attacked a short distance from her home. The girl who was alone, fought off her assailant and escaped being his thirteenth victim.

A score of plain clothes men and patrolmen failed to find any trace of the stabber, who, as on previous occasion, vanished completely into the darkness. Miss Bylinski said that the man, as he clasped his arms around her held a knife aloft in one hand and muttered a threat that he was going to stab her. Her struggles and cries for help saved her, she said.

STORM STILL CONTINUES TO RAGE IN FRANCE

Trail of Death and Destruction Left in the Path of Tempest

PARIS, Dec. 23—(AP)—The tempest continues to howl in France, leaving death and destruction in its trail. Nine passengers were drowned in the Seine last night above Rouen, when a ferry boat capsized. All the victims were working men.

Paris now is almost completely cut off by telegraph from the outside world. One line each is in working order in Switzerland, Belgium and England. There is no communication with Germany and Italy.

The installment plan keeps a lot of workers from loafing on their jobs.

ARRESTS OWN SONS

Deputy Sheriff Jackson, Pauls Valley, Finds Two of His Boys Accused of Robbery Charge

(By the Associated Press)

PAULS VALLEY, Okla., Dec. 23. Now and then the law and parental affection run afoul of each other.

Called upon to apprehend three youths alleged to have robbed a man of $51, Deputy Sheriff Jackson found that two of them were his own sons.

The trio were brought to the Garvin county jail here where Jackson made a personal bond for the release of his younger son.

The alleged robbery occurred on a highway near Stratford.

All of the boys deny the charge.

UNCLE SAMMY MAY ACCEPT L. OF N. INVITE

Indications Point to Participation in Preliminary Disarmament Discussion

(By the Associated Press)

WASHINGTON, Dec. 23.—President Coolidge has progressed so far in his effort to find a way to accept the league of nations' invitation to a preliminary disarmament discussion that he has asked congressional leaders whether an appropriation would be necessary.

Developments here today pointed with increasing definiteness to American participation in the preliminary league of nations disarmament discussion if a feasible way can be found.

Both Secretary Kellogg and Chairman Borah, of the senate foreign relations committee, conferred with President Coolidge and there were indications that a decision virtually had been reached although the American reply to the league invitation would not be forwarded until after the holidays.

Senator Borah said as he left the White House that he was in complete accord with the president's views, but he did not indicate definitely what those views were. In other questions, it was suggested that congress probably would be asked to express its opinion on the subject, at least to the extent of making an appropriation to defray the expenses of an American delegation.

HANDLE MORE SHALE GAS

Kansas Natural Gas Company Provides Facilities for Greater Production in Kansas Fields

The completion in the next few days of the Kansas Natural Gas company's pipe line extension will provide facilities for handling the shale gas of Wilson and Neosho counties and a portion of Labette county, which gives promise of an increase of production of this type of natural gas. The main extension will connect with the Kansas Natural system through its existing compressing stations.

This development provides a ready market for a large part of the present shale gas production of Wilson, Neosho and Labette counties, much of which is already under contract to the Kansas Natural and Empire Natural Gas companies, through the two 16-inch main lines to all the cities and towns supplied by the Kansas Natural. The recent completion of the new 12-inch pipe line from Petrolia, north of Chanute, to Cambridge, Kansas, and extending through the Wilson and Elk county gas field, makes the Empire Natural Gas company's main lines available for the development and handling of additional quantities of shale gas.

With a large system like the Empire and Kansas Natural in a position to handle all the shale gas that can be produced and offering steadily growing markets for it, the situation offers encouragement for a very large development of shale gas in the Neosho, Wilson and Labette county fields.

It takes a pretty big man to say just what he thinks.

MUST BAR LIQUOR

Millard F. Meadows, Oklahoma Prohibition Director To Hold Conferences with Heads Social Clubs

OKLAHOMA CITY, Dec. 23.—(AP)—Pre-holiday conferences between now and Christmas are scheduled between Millard F. Meadows, prohibition director for Oklahoma, and the heads of a number of social clubs here.

Mrs. Meadows said that several smart dancing clubs might be included in his calling list.

His object, he said, is to impress any who might like a yuletide drikn with the fact that their meeting place, regardless of their social prominence, would be declared a public nuisance if liquor is not left outside.

Mr. Meadows attention to the clubs follows the issuance yesterday in United States district court of a temporary restraining order against the Huckins and Kingkade hotels, barring them or their bell boys from dispensing intoxicants.

Bootleggers say the prices of their wares this year will range from $4 to $20 a quart, depending on the quality.

SCHOOL KIDDIES MEET SANTA AT CIVIC CENTER

Twenty Three Hundred Guests of Chamber Commerce at Annual Party

Twenty three hundred little bobbed and shocky heads nodded in unqualified agreement when Santa Claus in his talk to the school children at Civic Center this afternoon declared that old people are prone to forget Santa Claus, and that any bald headed man who says there is no Santa Claus doesn't know what he is talking about.

Twenty-three hundred school children gathered at Civic Center this afternoon at two o'clock to meet Santa Claus who was brought here by the Bartlesville chamber of commerce. When his shining black boots and gorgeous scarlet suit appeared in the fireplace as he entered through the chimney, he was greeted with a pandemonium of cheers. Dusting himself off and smoothing out his flowing beard he acknowledged the greeting and depositing his pack on the floor, seated himself to rest while Mrs. Ouita Gardner, school music supervisor advanced to the stage to lead the Christmas carols. Before she had fairly announced the carols the little coated figures had popped up from their seats and were ready to sing. "There's a Song in the Air, There's a Star in the Sky," they sang, the treble voices rounding out the words in perfect unison as twenty-three hundred pairs of round eyes followed the leader's hand. Following this the children sang "Silent Night, Holy Night," and Santa Claus arose and addressed them, telling them of his work over the world and how they, too, might be little Santa Clauses.

A picture of the Nativity, with the story of the Christ child unfolding as the pictures succeded one another, was flashed upon a screen upon the stage, and the children for the first time saw in motion pictures the first Christmas day.

A Christmas "treat," attractive holly decorated boxes of candy were piled upon tables in the lower lobby for the children as they filed out of the building after the program.

You never hear of parents nowadays who have the hardihood to name their daughters Prudence or Patience.

WEBB MINE AT SHADYVILLE, O., THE DEATH TRAP

Falling Coal Short Circuited Electric Light Lines Started Flames

MINE STILL AFIRE

Rescue Workers Report All Miners Are Out of Ill Fated Mine

(By the Associated Press)

BELLAIRE, Ohio, Dec. 23.—Fire, believed to have started when a fall of coal short circuited electric light lines, took a toll of nine lives at the Webb mine at Shadyside, a few miles south of here last night. Two other miners are in a serious condition in a Bellaire hospital suffering from shock and gas.

The dead, all of whom lived near Shady ille, are:

John Sarre, 40.
A. O. Traux, 50.
Edward Kennedy, 37.
Julius Galgaett, 35.
Alfred Zaccigini, 21.
Sam Meikabrada, 50.
John Kura, 27.
Tom Stezens, 33.
Martin Saigg, 39.

All excepting Zaccigini and Ezigg were married.

Rescue parties early today had penetrated to all portions of the mine where the miners were working when the fire started, and reported that no more men were in the mine. An unofficial check of the force known to be working corroborated this assertion.

Early today the fire was burning fiercely, but little effort having been made to check it until rescue work was complete. Company officials said the damage probably would be large before the fire is extinguished.

The bodies of the dead were brought to the surface before 2 o'clock.

No statement was forthcoming from company officials early today pending an investigation by state mine officials who reached the scene late last night.

The Webb mine is one of the largest in the eastern Ohio fields, and is operated by the G. M. Jones Coal company, of Pittsburgh, Pa.

Hock and Kyle, two of the entrapped miners, were brought to the surface alive and were reported well on the road to recovery this morning.

BOOTLEG LIQUOR CAUSES DEATH OF TEXAS TOT

Little Walter Cusmino, Two and One Half Years Old, Dies from Alcoholic Poisoning

(By the Associated Press)

HOUSTON, Texas, Dec. 23.—A bottle of whiskey intended for Christmas cheer brought death today to little Walter Cusmino, two and one-half-year-old son of M. M. Cusmino. The child drank a half pint of the liquor which he found in the house.

Hospital attendants, thinking they had sobered the infant, chuckled over their first intoxicated baby. A few hours later the child was dead from alcoholic poisoning and physicians said they detected a trace of wood alcohol in the liquid.

The baby staggered into the Cusmino living room yesterday, shouting in childish treble, "don't care if Santa don't come. Get out of my way, daddy—"

Daddy rushed his baby to the hospital where the usual remedies for sobering inebriates were administered.

LOST

A lemon and white pointer dog. Answers to the name of Sparky. $10 reward if returned to Carl Bowers, City Market.

Reward

for information, of the parties who took from the rear of Eby's Jewelry Store, an octogan Table top. Notify A. S. EBY.

Lost at DANCE

At the Tea Room DeLuxe, Saturday night, December 19; ONE BRIGHT RED HAT. Finder please call telephones 616 or 125 during office hours. Or 1524 after 6 p. m. Reward.

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