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POISON GASES BLOCK RESCUE OF 36 MEN ENTOMBED IN MINE EXPLOSION

JAPAN'S ARMY DRIVES WEDGE IN FOE'S LINE

Fresh Troops Join Offensive; Village of Kiangwan Is Finally Captured

SNIPERS ARE ROUTED

Chinese Flee Ruined Town as Invaders Plant Colors Amid Debris

By HERBERT R. EKINS

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SHANGHAI, Sunday, Feb. 28—The Japanese moved fresh troops into line today for a renewed drive against the Chinese in the Kiangwan sector after a massed advance on the center of the Chinese defense north of Shanghai.

At 8 a. m. today there was a lull in the fighting on all fronts from Shanghai to the mouth of the Yangtze. The weather was clear and cold.

The Japanese were busy consolidating their positions for a further offensive, while the Chinese were throwing in fresh troops to repel them.

Kiangwan Enveloped

Saturday's action included the Japanese drive which enveloped Kiangwan and a destructive aerial bombardment of the Woosung forts and the outer defenses of Liun Forest.

The fires which had burned during the night in Kiangwan Village set by Japanese aerial bombs, died down this morning and the atmosphere along the entire front was one of tense expectancy, in preparation for a renewed offensive.

Chinese troops attached to the Yangtze River defense forts entrained today for Shanghai under order of the war ministry.

The Northwestern Army Division, commanded by General Sun Chieh-Yuang, also started for Shanghai, as did General Feng Yu-Hsiang, the veteran Chinese fighter.

To Organize Hospital

The Chinese minister of health, accompanied by 35 surgeons and relief experts, sailed for Shanghai to organize hospitals for the care of wounded soldiers.

Many girl students in Nanking have volunteered for service as army nurses. Headquarters of the Chinese army at Nanking, near Shanghai, telegraphed for relief and medical supplies.

The complete capture of Kiangwan, which has been the center of fierce fighting for a week, was effected Saturday with heavy loss of life. The retreating Chinese, leaving the ruined town in flames behind them, were estimated to have lost 500 killed and wounded during the battle. The Japanese refused to reveal their casualties.

Burn Snipers Shacks

After a day of naval, artillery and infantry attack in the Kiangwan-Tazang sector, north of Shanghai, a Japanese detachment entered the northwestern section of Kiangwan at 7 p. m. and established communication with the Thirty-fifth Infantry Regiment, which for a week

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Auction Bride Losing Hope Of $10,000

Mary Clowes

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Washington County Girl to Visit Aged Mother, Still Unwed

Hopes of a husband, a home and $10,000 faded further today as Mary Clowes, of New Eagle empty handed and minus a wedding ring—prepared to visit her aged Ohio mother for whose sake she offered herself as an "auction bride."

She has had hundreds of proposals—but each time she prepared to march altarward some circumstance has detained the bridegroom.

But she hasn't given up hope—and still insists on a $10,000 marriage gift.

She has been on the "marriage market" since November, receiving over 700 letters.

One of the latest and most promising proposals came from a young Southern engineer, who courted Miss Clowes by mail and set the wedding date for Feb. 14.

Although he has written two or three times since, Miss Clowes said, she has no further faith in him.

Another man wrote he had a country estate, with a stable of race horses. When the time was set for him to arrive in Pittsburgh to claim the bride, he wrote his properties had been destroyed by fire, and he would have to postpone the wedding.

Chinese Employes Strike Over Arrest

By The United Press

SHANGHAI, Feb. 27—Tiffin at the famous Astor House Hotel was delayed two hours today by Chinese employes who struck after Japanese police arrested an American-born Chinese in the lobby.

The hotel's usually placid atmosphere was broken by the police as they chased the Chinese through the lobby, shouting and gesticulating.

BORAH SAYS G. O. P. WILL DECLARE DRY

Sees Little Change in Platform From 1928

By The United Press

WASHINGTON, Feb. 27—Senator Borah (Rep., Idaho), predicted today that this year's Republican platform on prohibition probably will be about the same as in 1928—a declaration for enforcement.

Asked for his views on agitation for a referendum plank Borah, who wrote the dry plank four years ago said:

"I think the platform will be about the same as it was last time. It is not a question of platform anyway. What if Al Smith should run again on a dry platform? No one would believe it.

"We have a dry candidate—at least Raskob says so."

BEAVER WOMAN, 70, IS SLAIN IN SYRIA

Letter Reveals Death of Missing Mission Worker

BEAVER FALLS, Feb. 27—Miss Margaret Edgar, 70, mission worker of the Reformed Presbyterian Church at Latakia, Syria, reported missing Jan. 27, was slain, according to a letter received today by Mrs. C. R. Pullinger, of 217 Park Boro from Miss Martha Wilson, of 125 West Twenty-second Street, New York.

The letter said: "It's sad about the death of Miss Edgar. She went out to make some calls. Later her body was found and authorities said she had been murdered."

Miss Edgar, a former resident of Beaver Falls, had been a missionary for nearly half a century.

COMICS

The Press STILL Has 16 Pages Of Comics

More Than You Will Find In Any Other Pittsburgh Paper

Read Them Today

HOARD DRIVE HERE TO FREE $100,000,000

Bankers and Businessmen Set to Organize Campaign

TO OFFER 'BABY BONDS'

Dunn, Chamber of Commerce Chief, Expected To Lead Crusade

By FRED H. KURY
Financial Editor

Pittsburgh bankers and business men will begin tomorrow to organize a drive to free $100,000,000 in hoarded money.

This is the estimate of cash held in hiding places and safety deposit vaults by Western Pennsylvanians.

As part of the national campaign to free these funds the Pittsburgh Finance Corporation Board will be organized after 3 p. m. tomorrow in the offices of A. E. Braun, president of the Farmers Deposit National Bank.

Thomas A. Dunn, president of the Chamber of Commerce, has been tendered the chairmanship of the anti-hoarding organization.

The first move will be a concerted campaign from March 7 to March 17, when hoarders will be offered new "baby bonds" of the government as security for every dollar they bring out of hiding. The bonds will be payable in a year, and are negotiable at any time. They will bear two per cent interest.

President Dunn said because of his connection with the Chamber of Commerce he will submit the proposition of accepting the chairmanship before the banking and finance committee of that body.

Dunn expects immediate approval, he said last night.

The anti-hoarding crusaders' biggest job will be the sale of the bonds. The money thus accrued is expected to create a credit reservoir of $1,-000,000 in the Pittsburgh district. Experts believe most of the hoarded money will find its way through banks and into industrial channels before the drive is completed.

Tentative plans for organization of the committees have been agreed upon. Other details will be completed at the meetings beginning tomorrow and extending until the actual drive opens.

The Pittsburgh committee will have the power to organize other communities in every Western Pennsylvania county, from Erie into Altoona and to the southern border of the state.

Plans of the campaign are expected to be the same as the Liberty Bond drives during the World War.

Public meetings, patriotic addresses and house-to-house subscription appeals are said to be a part of the general project to free the money.

STOREKEEPER SHOT IN BANDIT GUN FIGHT

Aged North Sider Battles Gunman in Holdup

An aged North Side confectioner was wounded in the shoulder last night when he shot it out with a bandit during a holdup at 32 Royal Street.

Andrew Wilchner, 73, the victim, was alone in his store when a bandit entered with a drawn pistol. Another gunman stood outside. When the robber ordered Wilchner to raise his hands the aged storekeeper pulled a gun from under the counter and fired three shots. The bandit returned the fire. As Wilchner fell the thug and his companion fled.

Pershing in Hospital

WASHINGTON, Feb. 27—General John J. Pershing was resting comfortably tonight in Walter Reed General Hospital, where he went to recover from an attack of laryngitis.

Depression? Well, Here's a Town That's Simply Reveling in Prosperity

NEW ATHENS, Ill., Feb. 27—There never has been any depression so far as this town is concerned.

Things were never better, everyone has a job and industry's general reports "business as usual."

This "abnormal normalcy" came to light today when E. P. Moeser, cashier of the Farmers State Bank, told a state inquirer that he had not received an application for relief during the winter. No unemployment and no kicks about hard times, Moeser added.

Bandits Raid Miami Club; 7 Shot In Fight

Former British Amateur Golf Champion Among Those Wounded in Battle at Exclusive Beach Resort—Gunman Leader Slain

By The United Press

MIAMI, Fla., Feb. 27—Five bandits who held up the fashionable Embassy Club here today shot it out with employes and guests, leaving the bandit leader dead, three holdup men wounded and one guest and two employes shot.

T. Philip Perkins, former British amateur golf champion, who had advanced to the finals today in the Dixie Golf Tournament, was shot through the hip by one of the bandits who tried to escape by using him as a shield.

The slain bandit, believed the leader, was said to be from Chicago. A clothier's tag in his suit bore the name of A. Y. Yarborough.

George Myers, Tulsa, Okla., and Gene Eckman were the bandits seriously wounded. Another was wounded less seriously and escaped.

More than 75 patrons in the main dining room of the club were routed when the bandits, armed with sawed-off shotguns, pistols and rifles, entered from the kitchen.

Two robbers, left as guards in the dining room while the others went into the gambling room, became frightened and started to follow their companions. As they turned, Policeman Mark Oakford opened fire.

In the gambling room 100 guests were lined against the walls.

Dragged From Room

The gang separated in an escape attempt. Club employes joined the gun battle.

Myers was shot through the mouth by Isaac Campbell, employe. Oakford shot Eckman near the heart. The gang leader fell mortally wounded with a bullet through his forehead as he ran toward the entrance. Another fell, scrambled to his feet and escaped.

Physicians said Perkins would not be permanently crippled. The bullet lodged against his hip bone, but did not shatter it.

Groggy from an anesthetic administered for an operation to remove the bullet, Perkins joked about the finals in the golf tournament.

"I guess I won't be able to play," he said. "I would be too easy to beat."

"This isn't the first stickup I've experienced," he said. "After going through one in New York, I knew the best thing to do was to stick up my hands.

"One bandit singled me out of the crowd and told me to walk in front of him to the front door. The fellow shot me from behind. I had been used as a shield."

POPE'S MESSAGE TO BE BROADCAST

Local Stations Will Send Out Voice of His Holiness Today

Pittsburgh will hear the voice of Pope Pius XI today through radio stations WJAS and WCAE.

His Holiness will speak from the Vatican station in connection with a proclamation on the heroical virtues of the Venerable Marcy Palotta, Franciscan missionary nun.

The broadcast will be at noon to one, Pittsburgh time.

SALES TAX APPROVED

Kentucky House Passes Bill 65-to-39 Vote

By The United Press

FRANKFORT, Ky., Feb. 27—A 1 per cent retail sales tax was passed this afternoon by the lower house of the Kentucky General Assembly. The vote was 65 to 39.

Approval by the lower house virtually assured that the measure—sponsored by the administration of Governor Laffoon—will become law. Business men opposed the tax.

INDEPENDENTS FIGHT HOOVER

Pinchot Supporters Here Hope to Name National Delegates

By JOHN B. TOWNLEY

A fight will be waged at the April primary between Hoover and anti-Hoover national delegate candidates in each of the five Congressional districts of Allegheny County. Two delegates and two alternates will be elected in each district.

County Commissioner McGovern announced that independent Republicans, most of whom supported Governor Pinchot when he was elected in 1930, will have a complete slate of delegate candidates in the County.

Woodside Is Silent

Another important development in connection with the political situation in the state was an announcement that petitions are in circulation in a number of counties to make County Controller Robert G. Woodside, of Allegheny County, a candidate for the Republican nomination for Auditor General. Woodside refused to say whether he will have his name placed on the ballots.

"I thank my friends who are circulating petitions but this is a matter which requires careful consideration," he said.

The plan of the independent Republicans, McGovern said, is to elect national delegates who will be uninstructed, but will be relied on to support Governor Pinchot or any other Progressive who may be presented in the Republican convention for the nomination for President.

Plan State Candidates

The Pinchot forces will fight to elect delegates in many other congressional districts of the state. They have not announced any candidates for election as delegates at large, of whom there will be seven.

McGovern also said the independents will have candidates for the 12 places on the Republican state committee from Allegheny County, two from each of the six senatorial districts.

Fight for Chairman

Reports have been persistent that the Governor and his friends plan a fight in the Republican state committee, after the primary, to elect a chairman of the committee. They failed two years ago to defeat Chairman Edward Martin, of Washington

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Baby Has Colic, Calls Police

CHICAGO, Feb. 27 — Norman Richardson called police headquarters. The operator heard a scream and scenting a murder, dispatched four squad cars. "My baby has the colic," Richardson told the officers. "What shall I do about it?"

NEW PROGRAM TO AID JOBLESS IS SOUGHT HERE

Relief Leaders, Emphasizing Necessity for Cash, Call Three Meetings

12,400 PUPILS IN NEED

School Figures Show 32 Per Cent of Fathers Are Unemployed

With relief leaders renewing their emphasis upon the gravity of Pittsburgh's unemployment situation, and estimates of money necessary to provide adequate aid ranging from $3,500,000 to $16,000,000, steps will be taken this week which may lay the foundation of a solution.

Either another drive for contributions by the Welfare Fund or the inauguration of some entirely new plan such as that suggested by State Senator Frank Harris, apparently will have to be attempted in the near future.

Figures compiled by the city schools show there are more than 12,400 pupils in both elementary and high schools now in need, with this number steadily gaining.

32 Per Cent Jobless

These figures show that more than 32 per cent of the heads of families which have children in school are now unemployed.

Children from 80,841 families in the city reported unemployment and actual need in 26,084 homes. This is the best estimate of the number of unemployed in the city compiled so far, although it does not take into account the need in childless families, homes where children are not attending or over school age, or the number of single men and women out of work.

Senator Harris' estimate shows 35,000 families in need, who must have some relief plans at present available before June.

Call Three Meetings

Three meetings this week will consider the general need and seek an answer to the problem:

1—The executive committee of the Welfare Fund, meeting jointly with a group from the operating committees of the Allegheny Emergency Association and the Committee of Six which made the "$3,500,000 to $16,000,000" report, may arrive at some more definite figure of the money which must be raised.

2. The newly appointed Community Council, under the direction of which neighborhood units have been organized to obtain figures on the exact needs and the resources of the community, will meet Thursday for the first time since its preliminary organization session to hear reports from every section of the city.

Senator Harris will meet again with welfare leaders to determine the possibility of linking his "family-family" plan with the general program worked out by the Welfare Fund relief committee

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SAMUEL PURSGLOVE SUES FOR DIVORCE

Coal Man Blames His Wife's 'Cool, Critical Aloofness'

Samuel W. Pursglove, president of the Pittsburgh Terminal Coal Corporation, yesterday filed suit for divorce from his wife, Emma, according to news dispatches from Cleveland, where he maintains a city residence.

They were married in 1906 at Pursglove, well known in Western Pennsylvania and Eastern Ohio coal mining circles, also is an official of the Powhatan Mining Company and of the Pursglove Coal Company.

He charged he had enduring the "cool, critical aloofness of his wife for 25 years" in the sale of his two sons, one of whom is now dead.

He said in his petition that "since the other is now past 21, there is no longer any excuse for husband and wife to remain bound by the marriage contract."

DOWNTOWN MARKET BUILDING TAKES FIRE

Firemen Use Gas Masks; Quench Flames—Damage $500

Several business houses on lower Liberty Avenue were threatened last night when fire broke out in the basement of Mack's Market, 439 Liberty Avenue.

Donning gas masks, firemen fought their way into the smoke-filled building to conquer the blaze, which did $500 damage.

Steamer Crippled

ABOARD S. S. AMERICAN IMPORTER, Feb. 27—The British steamer Vardulia was standing by the crippled Danish steamer Aggersund tonight.

Farrar at 50 Finds Life Lovely

Geraldine Farrar

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Aging Opera Beauty Accepts Time's Relentless Years Cheerfully

By The United Press

NEW YORK, Feb. 27—Geraldine Farrar approached her fiftieth birthday today, not regretful of age but believing that "growing older is climbing up" rainer than slipping down the hill of years.

The once famous beauty of the Metropolitan Opera is now the mellowed woman of middle age. Her singing is confined to semi-intimate programs over the radio. She has given up the stage. But she is not sorry.

"Why should I mind being 50?" she asked. "I have had so much. My life has been so rich; it has had so many facets and so many categories. It has been a succession of high moments and I have tried to keep the pattern perfect."

SHE will celebrate her fiftieth anniversary tomorrow at her Ridgefield, Conn., home where she lives with her father. It will be a quiet party for this gray-haired woman whose eyes still sparkle.

"Speaking of the advance of years she explained her philosophy.

"One only changes one's frame, that's all," she said. "Spring becomes summer, summer changes into fall and every season is beautiful. You only change your dress to suit the season.

"Youth is the time for loving. Age is the time for reflecting."

Convict Climbs Wall And Escapes Jail

Drops 25 Feet in Flight From Bellefonte Cell

Special to The Pittsburgh Press

BELLEFONTE, Pa., Feb. 27—Dropping 25 feet from the top of a wall surrounding the Center County jail, a convict awaiting transportation to the Western Penitentiary escaped here tonight.

William G. Williams, 33, of Franklin, Pa., alleged bandit, reached the top of the wall by climbing the side of a building in the prison courtyard.

Williams was sentenced this afternoon on a robbery charge to serve 7½ to 15 years. As is usual with prisoners awaiting transportation to other penal institutions, jail officials said, he was permitted to roam at will in the jail courtyard. He was convicted on the robbery charge Tuesday.

ABANDON HOPE FOR WORKERS LOST IN SHAFT

Rescue Crews Also Imperiled By Falling Slate at Pocahontas Mine

22 WORKERS ESCAPE

Officers Erect Barricade Against Relatives of Blast Victims

By The United Press

BOISEVAIN, Va., Feb. 27—Between 2,000 and 3,000 persons massed at the mouth of the Boisevain mine here tonight as rescue squads worked frantically at the apparently-hopeless task of liberating 36 coal miners trapped far underground by one of the worst explosions in this district in 25 years.

W. A. Bishop, chief engineer of the mine, announced that because of the stifling, carbon monoxide after-damp and the heavy slate fall caused by the explosion the stricken men would not be reached until 6 a. m. Sunday at the earliest.

Dogs' Howling Recalled

A. C. Lucas, chief mine inspector of Virginia, is here. He expressed hope the men still lived, although few thought it possible.

The explosion—at 4:30 a. m. today—was so violent that heavy soot settled more than an inch deep on buildings near the mine mouth.

A heavy, smoky fog hung low over the countryside for miles after the explosion.

Miner after miner interviewed by The United Press tonight invariably spoke of "dogs howling" last night—traditional ill omen in any mining community. Early today the omen came true with the mightiest blast in the memory of the oldest miners.

Water-Way Is Lone Hope

Inspector Lucas based his hope that the men still might live on the fact there is a water-way leading from the Boisevain mine into the nearby Jenkins-Jones mine, by which the men may be able to lead themselves to safety.

Meanwhile, fearing the worst, mine officials established a temporary morgue at the mine mouth, with 12 embalmers and as many mortuary tables.

Physicians were on hand to aid. The Pocahontas fire department also sent firemen to the scene.

Strict guard was maintained by the mine company over entrance to the mine. A gale leading to the mine mouth was heavily policed, and none was admitted save relatives of the trapped men or employes of the company.

Falling slate hampered attempts to reach the victims.

Leaders of the rescue crews announced they had abandoned hope that the men were alive.

The officials said there was no indication of the cause of the explosion. One theory was that powder was ignited.

The crowd was barricaded away from the entrance.

CONFERENCE AGREES ON CONGRESS CHANGE

Would Inaugurate President Jan. 20, Await Vote

WASHINGTON, Feb. 27—Senate and House conferees yesterday agreed on a final form of the Norris Constitutional amendment to abolish the "lame duck" sessions of Congress.

The bill will be laid before both Houses next week for final action. Under the provisions agreed upon, the President and vice president would take office on Jan. 20 instead of March 4 and Congress would convene annually on Jan. 3.

Driver Crashes, Hurt

Robert Anthony, 23, of 2207 Webster Avenue, was injured seriously last night when he lost control of his auto in the 2600 block of Webster Avenue. The car plunged down a 40-foot embankment in the rear of Herron Avenue.

Marine Battle of Belleau Wood Recalled As World War Foes Meet in Pittsburgh

A German soldier came face to face with the American who took him prisoner 14 years ago when the two met yesterday on a downtown street.

The American Marine of war days is Frank M. Stein, now a taxicab driver.

The German is Albert Pfeifer, 800 Herschel Street, West End.

Different, indeed, was their recent meeting from the March day in 1917—when the German existed with four days and nights of continuous fighting at Belleau Wood, threw down his gun and raised his hands.

But when they met at Stein's cab stand in front of the Wabash Building, hands and foe shook hands and grinned.

The meeting was by chance. Pfeifer, walking home after a day spent in search of work, passed the cab stand. The driver, at the wheel, glanced up as he passed.

Instantly recognizing the driver's face seemed familiar to Pfeifer. He stared, until Stein wondering, stepped out of the cab. As he did the cabbie recognized him.

For five months, Stein had been a guard at the prison barracks where Pfeifer and 200 enemy soldiers were quartered.

Pfeifer had been in his charge. Day after day, he marched the Germans, with Pfeifer among them, to work building barracks.

At the end of five months every day—the "Sealserack" who was with the Forty-ninth Company, Fifth Regiment Marines, was transferred. Later he marched up the Rhine with the American Army of Occupation. Pfeifer remained in prison until 1919, when he was returned to his fatherland.

"I was 20 when I went to war," Pfeifer said. "I remember the day we marched away. Girls showered us with gifts and stuck bouquets of flowers on our bayonets.

"My brother, who was in the war from the first days, was awarded

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